BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

September 5, 2006

7:30 PM

Mayor Guinta called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll. There were fourteen Aldermen present.

Present: Aldermen Roy, Gatsas, Long, Duval, Osborne, Pinard, O'Neil,

Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, Thibault Forest

3. Special presentation by Dobles Chevrolet.

Mayor Guinta stated if everyone remembers we've been trying to improve public safety in the City. A lot of ideas have come from many members of this Board and at this moment I'd like to recognize Alderman Mike Lopez for a brief introduction of our next presentation.

Alderman Lopez stated as we've discussed many times one of the business people have stepped forward...Gerry Montembeault known as "Monty" from Dobles Chevrolet to provide a donation to the City of Manchester for the Officer Reserve force for the purpose of establishing funds for staff and equipment and training of Reserve Police Officers within the Manchester Police Department. Monty, if you'd step forward I'd appreciate it.

Mayor Guinta stated why don't I give you the microphone and you can tell the world why we're here.

Mr. Gerard Montembeault stated if I started telling the world we'd probably be here all night so I'll try to make it real short. I read in the paper that you had a program here that you wanted to get some special officers to take over so you could put more people out in the streets. My wife and I decided well let's do something that we can put back into the City because we've been here since '57 and we really and truly enjoy Manchester, it's given us a great life and so what we'd like to do is pay a little back to get this program started...the special Reserve Officers fund from the Montembeault Family...\$20,000 to get it going. I'd like to add another small note...I wish all the other automobile dealers both domestic and foreign imports would put something back into the City more so than what they want to take out because we can all use it. Thank you very much.

Mayor Guinta stated Monty is quickly exiting but I want to...we had an opportunity Alderman Lopez and I to meet with Monty over the last six weeks about what he talked about in his commitment to the City and his interest in wanting to give back and I think Monty like to many people in the City care deeply about the City's future, the state of public

safety in the City and he has very generously given in his Family's name \$20,000 to the City to be dedicated toward reserve officers, equipping reserve officers, getting that program off the ground and on behalf of the City I can't thank him enough for his on-going commitment to this community. This is not the first time that Monty has contributed to the City and knowing him it probably won't be the last but you have my thanks, you have this Board's thanks and the City thanks you and again a job well done and we appreciate it.

Alderman Lopez moved to accept the funds and remand for the purpose intended. Alderman Garrity duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

4. Presentation of Arts Award.

Mayor Guinta advised that the recipient of the Arts Award was unavailable this evening and would be presented at another meeting.

5. Presentation of Bright Ideas Extraordinary Service Awards to Highway Department employees Richard Robillard and James Doherty for their heroic efforts in entering 380 and 382 Merrimack Street on Wednesday, August 9th to alert residents of a fire.

Mayor Guinta requested Gene Mackie and Frank Thomas and any other member of the Quality Council approach. I will turn this over to Gene who has been working with the City to recognize two distinguished individuals in the City and I'm going to let Gene talk about what has recently been accomplished by two members of our community if you're not already aware of it.

Mr. Gene Mackie, Chairperson of the Quality Council, stated it's really an honor to be here tonight. I am fortunate enough to be the current Chairperson of Manchester's Quality Council and as part of the work that we have been doing we've developed and improved upon what's called a Bright Ideas Program and that program was developed to reward employees for ideas that will save money, that will bring money into the City and perhaps most importantly will add to the safety factor in the City and that's all part of what we call an Extraordinary Service Award and tonight a little bit earlier I had a chance to meet two gentlemen and like I said it's an honor to be here tonight. The Extraordinary Service Awards are going to be presented to two Highway Department employees...Richard Robillard, Highway Supervisor and James Doherty, Equipment Operator. For those of you who are not familiar with what occurred in August, the beginning of August actually August 9th...on Wednesday, August 9th Mr. Robillard and Mr. Doherty were assigned the task of cutting tree stumps on Merrimack Street in conjunction with the reconstruction of Merrimack Street between Lincoln and Wilson Streets. At approximately 1:13 PM, a young boy existed the building and ran towards the Assistant Chief of Highways, Robert Roy, informing him that his house was on fire. Mr. Robillard and Mr. Doherty overheard the conversation and

without hesitation ran into the building with complete disregard for their own safety and without any type of protective clothing Mr. Doherty and Mr. Robillard began banging doors and yelling throughout the building that the building was on fire. As a result of their quick thinking and immediate actions, and exceptional bravery both men were able to alert several residents who were able to evacuate their apartments safely averting a potential tragedy. Frank Thomas the Director of the Highway Department who is standing next to me recommended that the two employees receive an award for Extraordinary Service. The Bright Ideas Evaluation Committee of which I am a member and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen concurred with that recommendation. Tonight, we're proud to award both gentlemen a net cash award of \$1,500 apiece and our thanks for being what Mr. Martineau said before great employees of the City of Manchester.

Mr. Frank Thomas, Public Works Director, stated we at the Highway Department are very proud of these two guys but quite frankly I wasn't surprised that they didn't hesitate to run into a building on fire to warn the residents...that's the type of gentlemen these two people are. They represent the best of the Highway Department, I'm personally very proud of them and I'm glad that they're getting the credit that they deserve here tonight. Congratulations and why don't you guys come up.

Mayor Guinta stated first let me present you with your checks. We have two checks in the amount of \$1,500 each on behalf of and supported and approved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and I also do have something I want to present to each of you...Keys to the City...in recognition for your service. Many times we talk in this room about how we can improve service, how we can be more efficient, how we can identify ways to support taxpayers in the City. It's also equally important for us to recognize when distinguished members/employees of the City of Manchester are working in a positive fashion on their behalf, on behalf of the public safety and this is a situation that when I heard about it I was astounded. I'm very honored, quite honestly, to be Mayor when we have people willing to dedicate not just their life to the City but their lives to others in the City. So, I also want to present both of you with a Key to the City one in each of your names and they both read:

"In recognition of the heroism you demonstrated on August 9, 2006 risking your own life. Jim entered the scene with fire and helped notify residents that their lives were in danger. His quick action and that of his co-worker no doubt helped avoid a great tragedy."

s/Mayor Frank Guinta

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Mayor Guinta stated I want to present these to you.

Mayor Guinta stated we have one final presentation before getting to the Consent Agenda. If Mike Power from Workforce Opportunity Council can step forward, please.

Mr. Michael Power, President of Workforce Opportunity Council, stated thank you, Mr. Mayor. To the Board of Mayor and Aldermen thank you very much I'm grateful that you're taking the time on your agenda to allow us to make a brief presentation tonight. I think this is the beginning of a process that you will hopefully support for the City of Manchester and for the State of New Hampshire. My name is Michael Power, I'm President of the Workforce Opportunity Council which is New Hampshire's job training organization. We are funded by the U. S. Department of Labor and we operate under federal law, the Workforce Investment Act. On a personal note I'm from Manchester, from Grenier Heights and Myrtle Street and then Harrison Street, Central High and I want to bring something to the City tonight that I've been working on for five years for three governors and the Congressional delegation and community leaders across Manchester. I want to tell you a little bit about Job Corps, what a Job Corps is and then we have a presentation by Mr. Borek. I also have some people with me tonight that after this meeting and I know you have a long meeting tonight but at anytime during the next few days we begin the process of giving you more details about this project feel free to call me at any time, my card is in that packet that was distributed and I'd be happy to answer any questions and we hope that all of you have an opportunity to visit a Job Corps to find out what it is. Five years ago I assumed the presidency of the Workforce Opportunity Council. First, let me introduce the people who are here with me: one, is Gail Garceau...she may be familiar with a lot of you. She was the head of the Greater Manchester United Way for the last nine years. Gail was a supreme community organizer and fund raiser and is helping in this effort to generate community support for this effort. Mr. George Copadis who we've worked closely with over the years on this project. George has been deeply involved in getting a Job Corps set up in New Hampshire and he is the Commissioner of Labor. There are 122 Job Corps Centers in America...one of the top performing Job Corps in America is in Grafton, Massachusetts, North Grafton and the Job Corps Center Director there is a long-time resident of Manchester and I'd like to introduce him, his name is Patrick Van Royan and he's been helping us for several years as we develop a proposal to the U. S. Department of Labor for this project and we're really proud to have Patrick as a Manchester resident working on this. So, I'm going to go through some very boring, a lot of powerpoints...I'll go through is very quickly and then turn it over to Mr. Borek but I wanted to give you an idea of what a Job Corps Center is and why we are proposing one for New Hampshire. By way of background again a Job Corps Center is a 41-year old program started in the Johnson Administration by Sargent Shriver, it has enjoyed presidential/congressional support for 41 years from both republicans and democrats, it is the most successful job training program in America. A Job Corps Center is a residential facility for up to 300 disadvantaged youth between the ages of 16 and 24 who volunteer to go to Job Corps. Job Corps Centers in the early days was a program where they were taking urban youth and putting them in the woods. As the program got more sophisticated and the job training efforts of the federal government became more mature and started to recognize the contributions made by employers and that we ought to be training people for those jobs that are needed most Job Corps became more relevant in the world of employers who are looking for an emerging workforce. It is the nation's largest

and most successful residential/educational workforce...65,000 youth go through Job Corps every year. There's 122 Job Corps in the United States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico...New Hampshire is the only state besides Wyoming without a Job Corps Center. Our students live at a Job Corps Center although up to 20% of them are non-residential students and Job Corps' open 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week. I want to excuse myself for a minute, I want to introduce the Chair of our Task Force that's been working on this proposal for the last five years, he's also the Chair of the Workforce Opportunity Council...Dick Anagnost. How do you get into Job Corps? You volunteer...these are kids who want a second shot at life, these are not juvenile delinquents, these are not kids in the adjudicative system, it is not a program where the judge says okay kid it's job or jail. These are kids with a clean record who aren't in the system who want a shot at learning a trade and being a productive citizen. The typical Job Corps student is a high school dropout. About three quarters of them have dropped out of high school and this is an alternative learning program for them and to be admitted into the program they must be free of behavioral and drug problems and just agree to abide by zero tolerance policy for drugs, alcohol and violence. And, as Patrick VanRoyan can tell you from the Grafton Job Corps there is a zero tolerance for drugs and violence. You're drug tested before you get into Job Corps...if you're dirty you don't get in. You're drug tested during your stay in Job Corps and if there's one incident of drugs or violence you are out of there. So the 122 Job Corps Centers in America present a safer atmosphere for kids in any high school or college campus in the United States. You go through a rigorous interview process...they really try to find out why you want to go into Job Corps and what you can adapt to. But, basically what this slide says is you're going to learn three things at Job Corps, three basic things. First, you get a high school diploma...you're either going to go into the high school diploma tract or GED tract and our New Hampshire high school proposal is going to raise the bar and ask for high school diplomas only. The second thing that you learn at a Job Corps is a trade. At every Job Corps in American there are about ten or 12 trades offered depending upon the high demand needs of that area and in this case New Hampshire and so, for instance, an Job Corps in Alaska that I visited teaches heavy equipment operation for the pipeline and wastewater treatment facilities because they're building them out in Alaska for the first time. In the Job Corps around New England and certainly New Hampshire when we look at our labor needs we concentrate on the general areas of health care, high tech, homeland security, construction trade. So, to give a high school diploma, they learn a trade and the third thing they learn is employability skills...probably one of the most important ingredients that employers ask the Workforce Opportunity Council to help the emerging workforce when they're looking for workers. I go to employers all the time...we have to do focus groups and so what do you want us to train people in for the upcoming jobs, what are you as an employer whether you're large or small or high tech or retail needs in terms of an employee and they basically come back large and small and always say the same thing basically...they say look first of all you're from the federal government and we don't trust you all that much to train people all that well but if you give me these four things and we'll be happy...give us kids that speak up, show up, dress up and respect work and by that they mean give me kids

that show up who are dependable and that is a learning skill and you can teach kids to be dependable, to show up everyday for work. They want kids who dress up, who dress up corporately for the workplace whether it's steel tipped shoes or safety helmets or maybe take an earring out of their nose if they're at the front desk. Give me kids who speak up. They want young people coming into the workforce who aren't afraid to say teach me, I don't know because oftentimes a new employee is afraid to ask that, how a thing operates and they get themselves and their cohorts in trouble and the last thing employers ask us to do is to help train young people to respect work, to know that they're going oftentimes into any entry

Mr. Dick Anagnost stated one thing I'd like to expend upon that Michael just pointed out was our Job Corps will be unlike any other Job Corps because we will be offering a homeland security theme for training. New Hampshire's uniquely positioned with our airport here in Manchester, our airport at Pease, our deep water port in Portsmouth and the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant to team up and partner up with those institutions to offer homeland security. In addition, during our last announcement Judd Gregg made us aware that with our homeland security theme there may be other available funding sources with which to further expand those programs in New Hampshire.

level job but with a career path, that they're not going to be made vice-president in the

second week and that they respect those employees around them.

Mr. Power stated the U. S. Department of Labor established performance measures for Job Corps and Job Corps operators to evaluate center performance through achievements. This Manchester Job Corps is one of the most measured programs in the federal government. We currently fund, for instance, 19 different high school job recovery and prevention programs, we operate dislocated worker programs, we operate the rapid response program, we administer the program for retired persons, we do an awful lot of training and job oversights and to my mind and I'm a cynical bureaucrat and have been around a while. This is the most successful program I've ever seen in my life. Ninety-one percent of graduates from this program, 91%...remember three-quarters of them are high school dropouts...91% in the last program year graduated to good jobs, they further their education in two or four-year educational institutions or they entered the military...that's a remarkable record and that's the only reason why republican and democratic administrations in Congress has funded this program for 40 years.

Job Corps works with national employers to provide entry level employees with what they need and where they need it and by this I mean if we establish a New Hampshire Job Corps here in Manchester one of the things we'll do and one of the things we're required to do in the proposal that we submit by the end of this month is to establish some community linkages between the educational institutions and more importantly the employers in the area who will offer on-the-job training, work based learning, apprenticeships, internships and the like. We're also asking employers in the region to establish an in-kind contribution to donate faculty or time whether it's for staff enrichment or for the portions we may be offering and I can tell you the last Job Corps proposal that won from the U. S. Department of Labor was

Tampa, Florida Pinellas County...they had a population of 2.3 million at the time they made their proposal and they raised about \$5 million in in-kind contributions. Gail Garceau who's working the linkages to the community has been working on this thing for seven days and has already raised \$1.5 million in a community that's about 150,000 so we're doing remarkably well in terms of community support from employers who see the need, who really want a workforce that's educated and skilled.

Mr. Van Royan stated this talks about the curricula to integrate vocational and academic training. As Dick said to you before we take a look at the proposal. We are in competition with about 25 other states in the country for this Job Corps Center. Senator Gregg about four years ago added language in the law of Job Corps that said basically Congress likes Job Corps, Congress thinks it does a good job, Congress wants to build one or two more Job Corps Centers and when Congress spends that we instruct the department to give priority consideration to states without a Job Corps...that meant us and Wyoming...and that's really helped us to prepare for this proposal. Also directed in that law the U.S. Department of Labor to provide us with technical assistance...we have architects and engineers and all kinds of people helping us on this proposal. When we take a look at what we're going to teach at Job Corps besides a high school diploma from the educational side and the trades that we're going teach...I mentioned those before. As Dick said we want to make this the nation's first Homeland Security Job Training Academy...concentrating on those homeland security areas of health care, first responders, firemen, medical technology, high tech advanced manufacturing and secure communications, construction field to make our facilities secure and homeland security. Members of this task force have been working on this proposal from the Manchester area include Gary Long who's CEO of Public Service...very involved in Homeland Security, Kevin Dillon from the Manchester Airport who's with us tonight he's a member of this task force and other people from these areas that are involving themselves in this proposal. Our Job Corps provides services for 12 months after somebody graduates. When you leave Job Corps the U. S. Department of Labor monitors your progress to make sure that you've got the things set up for you in terms of housing, location, transportation and financial planning...we offer those kinds of benefits and services even after they leave Job Corps. Again, who pays for this...this is a good question. The U. S. Department of Labor fully funds Job Corps. The Job Corps budget right now is \$1.5 billion for those 122 centers. Job Corps pays for everything. When Job Corps builds a campus the average cost today and it probably will increase by the time they would build a Job Corps in New Hampshire...the average cost of a Job Corps today is \$31 million. That is parceled out in about 2.5 to 3 years. If we were awarded a New Hampshire Job Corps in the next six to eight months after these proposals are reviewed the Department of Labor would spend the first few million dollars making sure that the land is environmentally safe and sound and that the due diligence is done on the arrangements that's being made to transfer the land. Within the next two years the Department of Labor spends about \$12.5 million per year constructing a campus. As I said with classrooms, dormitories, gymnasium, cafeteria, administrative offices, medical facilities, playing fields and parking and

construction labs for the trades...they pay and they pay every year. After they build it and before they open it Job Corps puts on another request for proposals and what they do is they say in the Federal Register who wants to operate this Job Corps...there are about 25 private non-profit companies in America that operate Job Corps Centers they compete for this awarded. They are guided in what they do with curriculum and the guidance of the facility by two committees that will be community-based and we would hope that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen would be involved with it as well as the business leaders around New Hampshire and Manchester to guide that company. But, the U. S. turns it over to that private company and they have to reach performance levels that are set for them or they loose the contract is two or three years. So, it is a federal cost.

Mr. Anagnost stated that's only the first reason why the Job Corps is so coveted and why so many states want more than one Job Corps is because it's a fully federally-funded program in which technically the federal government has just invested over \$30 million in the state, in your local community for job training. But, secondly, a Job Corps of this size would entail about 124 jobs so it brings jobs to the community. Another significant benefit is Job Corps' programming is to buy from the local community so a job somewhere between seven and ten million dollars into the local community through its expenditures and lastly is essentially it is the most successful dropout recovery program ever created. So, there's a significant amount of competition that goes on in Washington for these centers and we're going to face that competition but hopefully with everything we've done to date we'll have a very competitive proposal.

Mr. Power stated we talked about local partnerships but there's also national partnerships for Job Corps and I'll cite just a couple of examples in Job Corps in New England...Walgreen's have a national program that they partner with the Job Corps to teach pharmacy assistants...LensCrafters...they built a prescription eye glass shop in the Bangor, Maine Job Corps Center. The students there if they're interested in that field learn how to do prescription eyeglasses...they learn from LensCrafters faculty, they learn on LensCrafters equipment...so, they know LensCrafters' corporate structure and they can be hired at any LensCrafters in the area or in the country. HCA Manicure does the same thing. Walgreen's does the same thing. There's a very large military component with security training and the U. S. Army's the major partner so that about 11% of these kids go into the service. So, there's a lot of national partnerships beside the local partnerships that you see. Jiffy Lube, for instance, will build a whole automotive shop at a Job Corps so the kids learn on Jiffy Lube equipment with Jiffy Lube instructors so that they can be placed in those shops knowing the corporate culture there. So, it is funded by employers, it's funded by the federal government...this is an investment that employer's want to see so that they can get an emerging workforce. We don't have an unemployment here; we have a labor shortage. Companies who want to come to New Hampshire are always asking where are the skilled and trained workers...this will produce up to 500 a year.

Mr. VanRoyan stated we're looking for a Job Corps with 300 beds...kids stay from 8 to 11 months so we're going to have a rolling enrollment they don't go in September and graduate in June. So, we're going to put hopefully between 400 and 500 youth here through here a year.

Mr. Anagnost stated the same use we've been exporting this past decade approximately at the rate of a thousand every four years that we export and naturally when somebody gets on the job training somewhere typically they're offered a job by the company therefore they don't return to New Hampshire. So, realistically what we're doing is we're creating good workers that our businesses need but we're exporting them to other states that have these Job Corps.

Mr. VanRoyan stated we're just losing kids, just over 1,000 kids have gone the last four years. New Hampshire kids have gone to Job Corps out-of-state and most of them don't return because they're linked up to the employer, they link up with the community college near that Job Corps or they go into the military, they just don't come back. We want to keep those kids here.

Mr. Power stated this is the statistic...91% of Job Corps graduates who have successfully placed...80% getting jobs or enlisting in the military and 11% enrolling in higher education. That's my presentation to give you an overview. I know this is quick, this is the beginning of the process. We want to brief you, we want to take you to a Job Corps Center, we want to get you very familiar with this program. What we are faced with is a timeline and we want to submit our position, our proposal by September 30th. If we're awarded a Job Corps Center then the U. S. Department of Labor will come back to this Board and go over in great detail how you'd like to see it set up.

Alderman Osborne stated I have quite a few questions...I don't know where to start here, I don't know how much time the Mayor is going to give me but I have quite a few questions on my mind about it. Basically, does it have to be in Manchester?

Mr. Anagnost replied this is the State of New Hampshire Job Corps but what occurred is we went out to a statewide RFP, we received back a number of proposals, we assessed those proposals and essentially Manchester's proposal was chosen first and the one in Littleton second and both proposals will be submitted.

Alderman Osborne asked wasn't there one closer than Littleton, New Hampshire?

Mr. Anagnost replied there were more than one closer than Littleton, New Hampshire. It's a grading system that the Site Selection Committee went through based on the proposals that were submitted to see which municipality offered most to have the Job Corps located in it.

Alderman Osborne asked what was the reason why they chose Manchester?

Mr. Anagnost replied there were multiple reasons...availability of water and sewer, availability of gas, availability of land, availability of public transportation...those are just a few off the top of my head...availability of linkages and employers that were supporting the Job Corps.

Alderman Osborne stated we're talking about 20 acres of land.

Mr. Anagnost stated yes.

Alderman Osborne stated Manchester Housing and Redevelopment Authority has the total decision on this whether it goes there or it doesn't.

Mr. Anagnost stated I'm not sure of the answer to that question but the minimum requirement of the Job Corps is 20 acres and this is 20.2 acres I believe.

Alderman Osborne asked can I get an answer on that one...who does it lie on, what body does this lie on if this is 20 acres is relinquished to this particular Job Corps?

Mayor Guinta stated this Board, I think, needs to make some sort of decision as to its level of support. If this Board so chooses to support the endeavor in the City of Manchester and more specifically at Hackett Hill we have to work with MHRA to provide us that 20 acres.

Alderman Osborne stated so this can't be let go unless it's okayed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, is that what you're saying or it can?

Mayor Guinta replied it's not going to.

Mr. Power interjected from our point of view and our proposal, Alderman Osborne, we really would want and prefer and hope that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen would concur that Manchester's an appropriate site for a Job Corps. What will happen...what we're asking for so that you know is that the City Planning Department has suggested this land off of Hackett Hill, this 20-acre parcel that you're referring to and we'd like to use that as a place holder in our proposal. Now, if and when six or eight months from now the U. S. Department of Labor awards New Hampshire with a Job Corps site they will come back to you and do all due diligence on any land, any and all land that might be available in your City for a Job Corps Center. This is not the end of the process this is just the beginning. But, we need a piece of land to put in the proposal and this land has been suggested as to come forward. Absolutely, we want your concurrence with this.

Alderman Osborne stated this would go at no cost, is this true?

Mr. Power replied yes.

Alderman Osborne stated also there's no tax base to it.

Mr. Power stated yes. Actually, what's been proposed in our RFP, in response to our RFP was the City would set up a long-term lease program of one dollar (\$1.00) per year for 99 years...this City would recover this land and this building at the end of the lease or if anything happened to the Job Corps Program.

Mr. Anagnost stated this is not typical. This State of Wyoming has given to their Job Corps proposal 160 acres already at this point and with respect to the tax base this is a piece of land that's not on the tax rolls right now but they will be generating seven to ten million dollars back into the local economy.

Alderman Osborne stated but it could be back on the tax roll and collect the \$500,000 a year on top of selling that property for probably anywhere from two to three million dollars true?

Mr. Anagnost replied I'm not sure. It's topographically challenged.

Alderman Osborne stated well I think so. I have nothing against the whole idea don't get me wrong but why Manchester we have so little land left actually in Manchester where you can go in the center of the state where everybody in the state can take advantage of this and they don't have to travel from Littleton, New Hampshire all the way down to Manchester, New Hampshire. So, why isn't it centered in like Laconia up in the Lakes Region or anyplace like that where they have more land to relinquish than Manchester?

Mr. Power replied we've taken this into consideration, we looked around, we got technical assistance from the U. S. Department of Labor and it's been determined that Manchester really is the most appropriate place because there's a synergy here of employers and also for the transportation system that Manchester offers it isn't anywhere else in New Hampshire. These are 16 to 24 year olds who come and go from the Job Corps it's not a gated society in there. They go to the movies, they go to the malls, they volunteer in the local community and the USDOL in its proposal and I'll give you a copy of the RFP really looks for a place where there's a critical mass of employers so that these kids can learn from and there's also transportation system, health, fire and police and those kinds of amenities that are surrounding it. When we looked at the north country they were very aggressive in their proposal and we're going to conclude in our proposal also but it doesn't have the critical mass of employers, it doesn't have the public transportation and in fact because this is a volunteer program kids want to come to a Job Corps Center near an urban center like Manchester rather than the really rural Job Corps of Loring, Maine, Bangor, Maine and in Vermont which are now operating at about only 60-70% capacity. We can fill our Job Corps

very easily. If we submit a proposal and suggest that we put this Job Corps Center up in northern New England the U. S. Department of Labor we fear is going to say hum our fourth world northern New England Job Corps no thanks and we'll lose our last and best chance for a Job Corps Center that's why we picked Manchester, it's really the center of where it's happening with job training.

Alderman Osborne stated just a final question here I could go on all night with this...when you say you're going to enroll 400 students or you'd like to enroll 400 students when you do get it going...what kind of a feeling does that give people in high school or people that are on the edge that are going to school but really they don't want to, they want to get out there and try the workforce without education or whatever it might be, they can always say well I can always go to the Job Corps after and get a job and get educated anyway so why not quit. Does this entice people to quit school?

Mr. Power replied no I don't think so. We took a look at the labor statistics in New Hampshire for economically and disadvantaged 16 to 24 year olds and there are practically 19,000 eligible youth. We've got 2,500 kids dropping out of school. It's not going to entice kids to drop out of school but will entice a lot of the kids that have dropped out of school to reenter this education program and to get a second chance at life rather than being on the tax rolls as welfare recipients they're going to learn how to work, how to get a trade and how to be productive citizens. So, I really think that this has given to kids a second chance at life and not enticing them to drop out of school.

Alderman Osborne stated I'd like to give somebody else here a chance but can I ask just one question that I had...I'd like to know how this will work as far as the votes and this land to be relinquished to the government here, how is this going to work in the end, who has the say so, who has the last word?

Mayor Guinta replied there is a process that we have to follow.

Alderman Osborne asked would the City Solicitor know this, I don't think so, huh?

Mr. Robert MacKenzie, Director of Planning, stated the agreements on Hackett Hill you may remember that French Hall came before the Board...that was actually a separate agreement and other properties on Hackett Hill do not have to come back to the Board. The MHRA does have responsibility for making decisions and they could sell the property. Certainly in this particular case where it would be low-cost or nearly no cost I think concurrence of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen is extremely important.

Mr. Power stated I don't want to put in a proposal without going to the Aldermen, I really want your support. I really want to prove to the U. S. Department of Labor that the City supports one.

Alderman Gatsas stated one of the things that concerns me is that you said there are a thousand youth in the last four years that were sent out-of-state. Is the priority first for New Hampshire youth to attend?

Mr. Power replied yes. Job Corps requires that the students go to the nearest Job Corps to them. We would be drawing from New Hampshire. We would have some out-of-state kids too coming to this Job Corps but the priority for a New Hampshire Job Corps would be New Hampshire students.

Alderman Gatsas stated let me interrupt you because you're speaking too fast for me so I'll slow you down a little bit. Let me get a complete clarification of what you just said. What you said was there would be some out-of-state youth coming. My question was if you have 450 youth from the State of New Hampshire that want to go are they able to attend or do you have to accept out-of-state children?

Mr. Power replied no there's no quota system as such, Alderman.

Alderman Gatsas stated so the answer to my question is yes...all New Hampshire kids would go if they were so deemed desirable to go.

Mr. Power replied yes.

Mr. VanRoyan stated the requirement, Alderman Gatsas, is that they be assigned to their closest Job Corps Center. If the demand here was that high there's a potential that we would still be sending kids out-of-state. One of the things that you'll see that's occurred during application process is the reason there are only a thousand is because they have to go out-of-state so we strongly feel that the demand will be significantly higher that's why we've gone with a 300-bed facility.

Mr. Power stated let me add just one more thing, Alderman Gatsas, to the enrollment that you ought to know. Job Corps also allows up to 20% non-residential students to attend so you'll be having both youth in Manchester who don't need to go and live at the Job Corps but youth in Manchester who could commute to the Job Corps.

Alderman Forest stated Mr. Power's I think said that he had been working on this project for five years, am I wrong on this?

Mr. Power replied no since about 2001, Alderman Forest.

Alderman Forest stated then that leads me to my second question and comment. A week ago Friday I received a call at my home about this possible proposal...it was at approximately

eight o'clock at night, there was supposedly a meeting scheduled between me and the Economic Development Office and I believe you about trying to explain this program. Needless to say that meeting didn't happen, there was an article in Saturday's *Union Leader* the very next day about it...my Monday meeting did not occur and the Mayor did a press conference on Tuesday afternoon. This weekend or actually yesterday I came home and I had a message on my machine from you stating that sorry or apologizing for not getting to me sooner but that the federal government wanted to keep this quiet...I'm not sure if that's your comment but quiet until this and now you're saying to us as a Board after working on this five years you need an answer to this by the 30th of September. I received a one-page or actually it's a one sentence memo that was dated August 31s^t but I received it Friday...I didn't get to read it until this morning because I was gone for the weekend that says "be advised that there shall be a presentation of the Job Corps Center Manchester on September 5th and then you do a presentation and hand us this package and we need an answer tonight and at least in my opinion this information all came too quick or not quick enough and I'm not ready to make a decision tonight.

Mr. Power stated I appreciate your concern about this and the timing and I take full responsibility for that. This effort started in 2001 with George Copadis who's now Labor Commissioner and Dick Anagnost and others around who wanted a Job Corps proposals sent to the U. S. Congress the last time there was a round of Job Corps openings...that proposal was actually written and submitted to Senator Gregg's office but the timing was wrong...the funding cycle had gone past, there was a site in Hooksett with public hearings held, it was done very rapidly and so the effort started again. We didn't have a site until about May or June in responding to the Manchester proposal after we put out an RFP because we weren't sure how to respond to the federal government...we were waiting for the federal government to put out an RFP. We couldn't respond to what we wanted for a Job Corps until we found out what the federal government wanted in it. Now, we did some work since 2001. Jeanne Shaheen started the work, Governor Benson formed this task force and we started the work in Washington...the long work that involved getting the language in the Congressional bill and getting for two fiscal years in a row eight and then ten million dollars added to the fiscal budget. Those went through long processes and we worked on that. In the meantime, we also got technical assistance and reviewed with the architect of Job Corps what kinds of sites that might be amenable. As a matter of fact at one point in 2004 a team of architects and civil engineers came up to the Stratham Vocational Technical College in Stratham, New Hampshire and at the time Stratham had made the commitment to Pease Trade Port and they ere going to leave the campus off the old 101 in Stratham and we had people come up and they had to keep it very quiet because of land speculation and that's what I referred to before...all kinds of speculation about neighbors and land to take a look to see if it was possible to have a Job Corps at that location. They spent a week going over every test boring, every electric utility bill made at that 25 year old campus and determined that if they retrofitted it into a Job Corps it would actually cost more than building one from the ground up. We never made publicity about that, we did go to the Selectmen at the appropriate time

and said are you interested in having us and they said we don't know yet we'd like to know more about it but then the National Guard came in and asked for the same property because they wanted to convert it to an armory as a consolidation under the Brack legislation that tried to close the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. So, we continued to look and then finally we said we ought to give all of New Hampshire a chance to address the Job Corps site and I have a copy of the RFP and I'll be glad to show it to you. We ran this in a three-quarter size and a couple of times in the *Union Leader* and in several papers through the north country asking communities what their interest was. At the same time down at the U. S. Department of Labor Job Corps was undergoing a shift from the employment and training administration to the office of the secretary and they were all confused about when they were ever going to put out an RFP. Finally, on about the first week in July Senator Gregg and Senator Mike Ginsey of Wyoming who's Chair of the Senate Health, Labor and Education and Labor Pensions Committee wrote to Secretary Lane Chow and demanded that an RFP be put in the Federal Register so that states could compete...that happened quickly...she turned around and did it in a day. So, our time has been really compressed. We wanted to come and brief you and I wanted to come and meet you personally because it's in your ward and I really wanted to do that but the Congressional calendar dictated that Senator Gregg who's worked for years on this along with Congressman Bradley and Senator Sununu and Governor Lynch...the Congressional delegation had to get back to DC at the end of the Congressional recess and so they wanted to make the announcement and I apologize for it, I take the blame for it. If I had the chance, Alderman Forest, I'd sit in your living room for the next six nights talking about Job Corps.

Mr. Anagnost interjected Alderman Forest to cut to the chase we had three false starts in RFP's from the federal government, it was finally determined that it was going to be issued in June, it was issued in June and we were given 60 days to respond to it. Our proposal needs to be in by September 30th so to cut to the chase the real reason is the RFP came out three sessions later than it was supposed to and all respondents only had a sixty (60) day window in which to pull it back together.

Alderman Forest stated this one is for Mr. Power...you made a comment and I quote "we don't have an unemployment problem in New Hampshire." I may disagree with you on that...we have a low unemployment rate unfortunately mainly because I've been there before you may collect unemployment for a certain amount of time. Once your benefit runs out your name goes out of the computer so there's no longer an unemployment problem.

Mr. Power interjected I understand.

Alderman Forest stated I certainly feel that maybe that \$30 million or whatever would be better suited for training the people whose benefits run out, not that I'm saying they should be getting more checks every week but I think these people here are out there knowing they can no longer collect their benefits that I think the training not that I'm against training the

youth and all this but that money would be better served training these people who are now forgotten.

Mr. Power stated I agree with you, Alderman, and we have a program at the Workforce Opportunity Council through our New Hampshire work centers who are eligible unemployed people can go in and get up to \$4,000 in training on an individual basis and I'd be glad to brief you on that.

Alderman Forest stated one more question and I believe this may be for Bob MacKenzie or for Manchester Housing...Ken Edwards I believe is here. You mentioned that the site that you're looking at on Hackett Hill is 20.2 acres. Now, I'll make a comment to this and either one of you can answer it. I know we have been looking for land to build a new Highway Department...we need at least 15 acres. Now, I see that we have 20.2. I recall back before Christmas or it might be before November we had a company here in Manchester that wrote us a letter looking for 15 acres...we couldn't find it for them and this company has either since moved out or in the process of moving out and the question I have is how come all of a sudden we have 20.2 acres on Hackett Hill Road to sell for a dollar?

Mr. MacKenzie stated I can answer that, Alderman. We have had in the past searches for different types of properties, for different types of projects. The Highway Department garage and at least one of the industries you were talking about which I think was Harvey Industries are looking for large floor plates. In this case it's a topographically challenged site, it rises from the road and has a high percentage slope so you can not put a large floor plate on there, you cannot put a fifty, sixty, seventy, hundred thousand square foot floor plate. Harvey Industries would not be able to go onto this site and the Highway garage would not be able to go on this site just because they would need a large one-floor building and it does not fit there. This would be a campus of several smaller buildings that you can work into a hilly site.

Mr. Anagnost stated if I may elaborate upon that we didn't have T.F. Moran and CLD look at the site and what Mr. MacKenzie says is accurate. It's a big hillside and there would need to be a lot of site work and blasting done. The utilities both water and sewer will be extended 2,800 square feet to get there and the campus footprints are very small footprints multi-stories in height so we'd be placing them on the site in little pockets where we could potentially build them.

Alderman Forest stated one follow-up if I may. Most of the sites up there have been blasted anyway and if I was aware of where this site was I'd probably be a little bit more informed and maybe I could argue a little more as to the topographic area seeing I was brought up in the area.

Mr. Anagnost stated I'd be pleased to bring the maps over and share them with you.

Alderman Forest stated I don't need maps I know the area very well. Thank you.

Alderman Long stated Mike I have your card and will be calling you later on...just a couple of preliminary questions...who decides the curriculum?

Mr. Power replied there are two committees that every Job Corps has and there is a Community Relations Committee and there's a Curriculum Committee made up of local people from around the locality and the state who will be determining the curriculum...the company that would have hired to run the Job Corps would adhere to that curriculum request...that is why we are making our request to include specific occupations in Homeland Security and construction.

Alderman Long asked are labor organizations part of that committee?

Mr. Power replied yes they are.

Alderman Long asked how much part of that committee...one vote?

Mr. Power replied right now we've got a commitment from one major union statewide labor union in New Hampshire to build a trade center on the site and we're also dealing with the Building and Construction Trades Council...Kevin Cash is a member of the task force.

Alderman Long asked what's the likelihood of that coming to fruition, having a union training center?

Mr. Power replied they're typically on Job Corps Centers. The nearest one to us in Massachusetts...the painter's union is involved...they built their own paint shop so the construction trades are very common on Job Corps sites because that's a very popular trade that young men want to go into.

Alderman Long stated the other question...the enrollment process...within the enrollment process it's 16 through 24 and Alderman Gatsas had stated if we have the 450 students in New Hampshire that qualify what you're saying is that those 450 students from New Hampshire would be the enrollment.

Mr. Power replied yes that is my understanding.

Alderman Long stated there's not a mandate that we have to take from certain areas or cover a certain area.

Mr. Power stated there has been discussion of 16 year olds...those are the toughest kids in Job Corps and they have to be located to the nearest Job Corps. So, you might have a 16 year old youth from Methuen, Mass who might be closer to the New Hampshire Job Corps in which case because they're a minor it would be requested that they be admitted to the New Hampshire Job Corps but that's the only variance on that.

Alderman Long asked is it safe to assume that in the enrollment process age is a factor...for example, 16 year olds in Methuen, Mass could get the enrollment over a 19 year old from New Hampshire?

Mr. Power replied I didn't dig deep down into that interview process as much as Patrick Van Royan from the North Grafton Center is here and I am sure he can answer your questions.

Alderman Long stated or I speak with later just a matter of time restraints.

Mr. Power stated the Operations Center interviews these young people.

Alderman Long stated I'm not sure how many good jobs come out of Jiffy Lube's I could be wrong in this, I'm not the expert in Jiffy Lube...what are the good jobs that come out of Jiffy Lube. It would appear to be that a Jiffy Lube would be an advantage setting up a shop in one of these federal subsidized training facilities.

Mr. Power stated in order to qualify in order to be a national partner these companies have to create career paths for their trainees, for the people who are going to be con campus and who are going to be trained. They can't get one shot, this is what you're going to do...you're going to be a grease monkey and be out of here. These are career path jobs that show a definite increase in pay and responsibility over time and that's why these national companies are very serious when they sign on to it.

Mr. Van Royan stated that's one example of it. In Fort Devens there's a Sun Microsystems computer lab that they built on site and they've been rotating employees through there on a regular basis.

Alderman Long stated you had mentioned that there's a private entity that's going to manage the facility correct.

Mr. Power replied yes.

Alderman Long asked does the state still have a say with respect to the curriculum...actually the Workforce Opportunity has the say over the curriculum.

Mr. Anagnost stated the task force will create the curriculum...the task force has members of labor, DOE (Department of Education), Dick Gustufson is one of our task force members on the Curriculum Committee from Southern NH University. We've gone throughout the state and gotten a lot of leaders together in the educational fields all the way from the technical colleges to the regular colleges and brought them in in order to create this curriculum. The curriculum will develop further once the Job Corps' awarded. If we're lucky enough to be awarded it that's when the real curriculum will be fully fleshed out and developed.

Mr. Power stated again that is by a local committee too.

Alderman Long asked is there any competition with the community technical colleges.

Mr. Power replied no actually the largest linkage in a Job Corps Center is the linkage with the community technical college system. They will be using faculty in classroom and getting kids onto the college campus in order to further their education so that they can go on to that two-year college.

Alderman Long stated and finally, your Honor, with respect to the appropriate of the federal budget you claims there was a \$1.5 billion in the Job Corps and has that increased or decreased...over the years do you see the budget decreasing or has it been pretty much sustained?

Mr. Power replied in the Employment and Training Administration the only office that's had an increase in its budget in the last four fiscal years is Job Corps. It is the most successful program that Congress sees in the Department of Labor and as I said it's cut into construction accounts and new accounts but the fact is that Senator Gregg and the Congressional delegation has been preparing for New Hampshire Job Corps Center and has added \$18 million to its budget for new construction in the last two fiscal years.

Alderman DeVries stated I'd like to start off with a few questions about location because I don't think we've really covered that well and I'm not sure if Paul Borek had intended to with his presentation which we really never got to. It's not clear to me first off the spot we're talking about up on Hackett Hill. Is it off of Dunbarton Road on that part of the industrial park or is this up by French Hall the existing French Hall?

Mr. Power replied it is off of Dunbarton Road. I could put a slide up if you'd like.

Alderman DeVries stated I hate to make a target out of the Mayor but...he's out of the way so we can do this. I can express a few other questions I'll have on top of just where the location is going to be for the parcel. I'm concerned as to whether the City needs to invest anything for the infrastructure to improve the parcel as we might have had to do as part of

the industrial park or are we alleviating any costs of building the infrastructure that will benefit the future industrial park?

Mr. MacKenzie asked if you could go to slide 3, Paul, which we did not get to...just to orient you...you can see Dunbarton Road is the road that slants up to the right, you can see down to the lower right is the landfill, I-293 and the New Hampshire Technical College. The area in the middle is an area identified as a future business park...that's the area that the Board approved in the Hackett Hill Master Plan as part of a future research and development and corporate park. The site that was selected was selected specifically for a couple of reasons. One, it is directly adjacent to that area so that the site can be somewhat of a catalyst to get the parking going. As you know we have one company up there...JPSA, Laser Technologies at French Hall but these types of projects can help generate interest in the site by private corporate development. Secondly, this site was chosen because it was not in the area identified for the corporate business park. The corporate business park will be to the right of the center and so therefore it will not affect the financial pro forma.

Alderman DeVries asked where is the landfill on this map? Right there, okay.

Mr. MacKenzie stated the landfill is here, the City owns or MHRA has control of the property from this point...this is Dunbarton Road as it goes up for some people may remember the old sand and gravel pit that is still being processed. So, the City owns up to Black Brook...you can see in purple right there is the area of the Nature Preserve so we intentionally setback this particular site and additional 100 feet even from the boundary of the Nature Preserve. So, it's not within the watershed of that preserve at all.

Alderman DeVries stated the Pichette property that was purchased within the Nature Preserve and the existing if you could place that within the map.

Mr. MacKenzie stated that is going to be up higher to the upper right so the Pichette property actually they have an access road down by the river than you can probably see but the Pichette is probably up near the ceiling on this particular map.

Alderman DeVries stated at some point I probably would like to see a better topographic map of this particular parcel and maybe also have an indication of the wetlands in obviously the Nature Preserve we know there are things worth saving there but within the parcel itself if we could get a look and see. But, additional questions that I have...so, that one there is 20.2 acres...was that addressed within the Master Plan for the Industrial Park that we've already received?

Mr. MacKenzie replied in the Master Plan all of the business park development was shown to the right...this particular area was called reserve for future development which could have been any number of City projects or related projects.

Alderman DeVries asked will the development of this parcel and a Job Corps impact the ability for us to lobby for a new connection onto 293? Will that lessen the ability for us to get that important connection?

Mr. MacKenzie replied no, I do not believe so. The State has recognized...they have to rebuild Exit 7 right there, which is an awkward situation. This particular project would not affect that at all. In essence, it might create some additional incentive to have an interchange there.

Alderman DeVries asked will this project...to answer that first question. Are there any identified costs for developing the infrastructure for the industrial park that will be alleviated by now having this project developed under federal government dollars?

Mr. MacKenzie replied they would probably be relatively small. As Mr. Anagnost said there is a need for an extension of a sewer system from around the landfill area all the way to this site. That is probably the biggest offsite cost related to the Job Corps. So, the extension of that will actually save the City and the MHRA money because they will not have to extend that sewer.

Alderman DeVries stated a few more additional questions if I might. Statistically, when you've had other Job Corps in place in other states what new businesses have you attracted by virtue of now having a skilled labor force...have you looked to say that you have brought in you said some Microsoft...can you identify by having in Massachusetts because you had Job Corps that you've been able to attract any additional businesses?

Mr. Power replied I think that it does attract employers who are looking for emerging workforce with skilled and trained workforce. My evidence to you, Alderman DeVries, would be anecdotal but you can talk with Mr. Van Royan who operates a Job Corps Center in North Grafton and talk about the companies that have come or have been attracted to it as a result. I really want to give you hard evidence and he's the hard evidence to provide you with that information but I know that in Bangor and in other places they do attract businesses and some Job Corps businesses aren't attracted. There's a Job Corps in Vergennes, Vermont that the Job Corps is the largest employer in the town...it's a rural Job Corps, it's got no major employers around it and there's also a Job Corps lurking airport space because it's in tip top Maine like at the end of the earth and that's on a federal reservation and that hasn't attracted new businesses that the federal government hasn't brought in.

Alderman DeVries stated thank you, Mr. Power. The final line of questioning if I might because when we talk about location I think I also heard Mr. Anagnost say this was part of a process that this may not be the one and only site that is identified in Manchester. Have we

looked at...is there any ability for us to piece this over several locations around Manchester and does it have to be one consolidated campus.

Mr. Power replied that is what the RFP addresses that's what they'd like to do. For instance, we looked at partnering...the University of New Hampshire at Manchester would really like to partner and we looked into the possibility of building some of the classroom or lab space down in the Millyard to assist the university in their expansion efforts. It wasn't possible because it's going to be federal land essentially and they couldn't do that. But, we will partner with those educational institutions and Job Corps will help pay for some of those linkages but to piece it out no.

Alderman DeVries stated one final question since you walked right into it for me. Are we able to partner in any way with our own high school, our vocational high school?

Mr. Power replied absolutely. We'll be in partnership with the Manchester School system, with the Manchester School of Technology, ADA rates will be paid for students attending the Job Corps so it will be a benefit to the Manchester School system. We're working with the Department of Education, Commissioner Lionel Tracy, legislation is being prepared in Concord that would allow the Department of Education also to issue statewide diplomas for a Job Corps or military base.

Alderman DeVries stated conversation here because where I'm headed with that is if we are in fact losing let's say \$500,000...whatever the potential tax benefit might have been are there tax savings in other arenas such as are there less dollars that we have to spend on vocational education at the high school level in Manchester because we now have the Job Corps in the City...that's a statistic I think the citizens of Manchester would like to hear.

Mr. Power stated I would love to say with all due respect absolutely but I can't stay that to you right now. I know that we're developing the linkages with the educational system throughout all of the several colleges and the school system in Manchester. What savings will be realized because we're sharing classroom and faculty with the Job Corps I really can't tell you at this point? This is the beginning of this process; this is not the end of the process. We're submitting a proposal, we want a play folder of this land and this isn't the end of it. If we get awarded as I say a Job Corps site for Manchester and New Hampshire and U. S. Department of Labor will come to you and give you specifics on all of the good questions that you've asked. As I said this is the beginning of the process and I apologize again for not being able to brief you sooner and brief you more often on this project but the time constraint has really put it in a awkward position.

Alderman DeVries stated the final question then to you, your Honor. Will there be another opportunity for this Board not to just interact it with questions but also to...are we 100%

committed into this as of September 30th if when they do come back with a proposal if there are reservations on the part of our Board, are we committed?

Mayor Guinta replied first I want to give every Board member an opportunity between now and that deadline that's imposed by the U. S. Department of Labor to meet with Workforce Opportunity Council whether it's in small groups or whether it has to be a special meeting of the Board to get additional issues addressed. This is, I think, a critical project. I think it can have a wonderful impact in the city and the state and I think there's a lot of benefit to getting behind the years of work that have been completed by the delegation and former governor's on both sides of the isle who support this. But, I want to make sure this Board is fully supportive prior to endorsing it so whether that means we take a vote this evening or whether we have a special meeting in the next coming weeks to take a vote but beyond that whenever we take the vote Mike has made himself clearly available whether it's in small working sessions that address some of those issues not for just this month but I think as we proceed through the process.

Mr. Power stated let me answer you directly. If I just may cite an example at the last Job Corps in Tampa, Florida they had a site selected...they had a primary and a secondary site selected. The U. S. Department of Labor actually selected the secondary site for that proposal and that land didn't work out. The U. S. DOL went to Clearwater, Florida and dealt with the city fathers and they really talked it over. It took them over 3.5 years to find an appropriate piece of land. We'd like to open up a Job Corps Center quicker than that but what I'm saying to you is this is the beginning of the process...you're not committed to this land but we'd like you to commit to the idea of a New Hampshire Job Corps Center in this community.

Alderman Shea stated I guess everyone has asked as many questions as probably the human mind can absorb in one night but one of the things I'd like to put into perspective if Bob MacKenzie...the total amount of land, Bob, is how many acres over at Hackett Hill?

Mr. MacKenzie replied the total area that the city purchased was 830 acres.

Alderman Shea stated 830 acres and as of right now there is 20.2 acres and are there any other acreage that is being occupied?

Mr. MacKenzie replied a portion of about 340 acres the city basically sold to the Nature Conservancy so the roughly 480 acres is available for this type of project or corporate business development.

Alderman Shea stated the second point is the people that will run this project if it's accepted is a for profit organization and this is out-for-bid is that my understanding?

Mr. Power stated yes. The U. S. Department of Labor will put out a Request for Proposals for the 20 to 25 private companies across America that operate Job Corps Centers.

Alderman Shea stated one question that hasn't been asked is the composition of both male and female are admitted to the program, is that correct?

Mr. Power replied yes, Sir.

Alderman Shea asked in equal numbers?

Mr. Power replied yes they try to make it even numbers. We have dormatories for both. As a matter of fact in our proposal we're proposing a day care center be put on sight.

Alderman Shea stated the point is once the program, if it were approved, how long do you envision that it would take before it would become operational?

Mr. Power replied two years.

Alderman Shea stated from the point of acceptance, building, etc.?

Mr. Power replied maybe more like 2.5 years. If they have any problems with the site of if they go through due diligence but it takes two years to construct a Job Corps.

Alderman Lopez stated I think with five governors and the number of people that are really involved in this process I think to answer the question as to whether...I think there's a timeframe when you say we can meet with you but now isn't there a checklist that the full Board can approve of this concept.

Mr. Power stated it's on our checklist list, Alderman Lopez. Without full public support we won't go forward with it.

Alderman Lopez stated I was just wondering as we debate this to give full support of this with all of the number of people who have been involved understanding that the site could be changed afterwards...it's just an idea. One of the things I just wanted to go back to is all of the improvements to that site would be to lower the cost of job fair correct?

Mr. Power stated correct. Yes, the federal government does all of the work.

Alderman Lopez stated I want to go back because it isn't clear in my mind I think Alderman Long asked and Alderman Gatsas asked...during the presentation you said 20% of the students must be non-residents, what do you mean by that?

Mr. Power replied what I was referring to is up to and Mr. Van Royan who runs a Job Corps Center may answer this more directly but it is my understanding that up to 20% of the population of a Job Corps Center may be non-residential which would mean that up to, in this case if there's 300 beds 60 students could commute to the Job Corps they wouldn't have to stay overnight.

Alderman Lopez stated that means non-resident...that's the terminology that you're using. Can the federal government dictate that you must take out-of-state students?

Mr. Power stated Patrick Van Royan can explain it and I explained about the 16-year-olds.

Alderman Lopez stated I think it's important because a lot of questions have been asked by a number of people...are we going to take care of our own?

Mr. Power stated that certainly is why we're making this proposal.

Alderman Lopez stated I just wanted to make sure.

Mr. Patrick Van Royan stated the Department of Labor when it offers the RFP for Job Corps Center stipulates what type of Job Corps Center it will be. There are some Job Corps Centers which are completely non-residential...New Orleans, for example...Philadelphia...there are other Job Corps Centers which are completely residential but as Michael was saying generally the mix provides for about an 80% residential component and a 20% non-residential component. To give you an example my Job Corps Center Grafton has about 272 residential students and the remainder of the 300 are nonresidential...there's a surge factor in that so we go up to about 315 students. To answer another question in relation to the number of students that would come from New Hampshire that really becomes a question of flow, student flow in terms of recruiting. If there are a constant number of folders of New Hampshire students that want to come to the Job Corps Center and the Job Corps Center is well-operated and is running at a constant on board strength then you will find that the majority of students in the Job Corps Center will be our local students. If the Job Corps Center falls behind an on board strength and there aren't sufficient New Hampshire students lined up to come to this center then it may well be that there will be a flow on from other states.

Alderman Lopez stated I understand that people that have violations or criminal records all the 16 to 24 year olds have to apply to go to the Job Corps Center can you tell me whether or not the expelled students from high schools who are 16 years old for whatever reason/violation...carrying a knife in school or whatever the case may be that he got expelled...would that person be qualified, do you have those types of students

Mr. Van Royan replied yes we do. The concept of Job Corps is to provide a second chance for students who dropped out of high school...that's the original concept from the President Johnson era and I think that's true as it stands today. Our primary role is to try and give those young men and women a second chance to gain the skills that will make them taxpayers, useful employees. Having said that the Job Corps process provides as Michael mentioned earlier a fairly thorough investigative and review process for a new applicant. If a student, for instance, comes to me, an applicant comes to me and the applicant is on probation that there's no active court issues and the applicant interviews well and shows a definite desire to change their life around and make a commitment then we'll give them a chance. Likewise in the case that the Alderman suggested if an applicant has been expelled from the school because of an issue and wants to turn around and prepare to make a commitment and provided they don't have any outstanding court issues then they're eligible to come to a Job Corps Center.

Alderman Lopez stated I guess my last question would be could you tell me a little bit about the security, local police in areas that you're running, for example, or other Job Corps Centers.

Mr. Van Royan stated the Job Corps Center runs its own campus safety and security. Our center for example has a campus safety and security manager and about seven campus safety and security staff who provide overall campus safety as well as OSHA requirements and all the industrial safety side of the house as well. Most Job Corps Centers attempt to build a good rapport with the local and state police and they do that for a couple of reasons. One, is that it enables us in the development of the student to enhance that development by having the local police involved in the campus. To give you an example if I had the Grafton Police chief here he could speak very warmly about his relationship with the Grafton Center. The police come and play basketball with the kids, they interact very well with the students and of course when we do have an odd issue then they come and they do what they're supposed to do. To give an example, on our center we're lucky, we're unlucky however you see it to have a drug offense once every four months which is better than any public high school in central Massachusetts. When that happens we draw the line in the sand and if they're in possession of drugs the state police are called and they're arrested and taken off to a different...than what we would do with an employee and that sends the message across the campus. So, as Michael mentioned earlier we do have a zero tolerance policy and I think most of the operators of Job Corps Centers make sure that that is policed in accordance with the Department of Labor regulations.

Alderman Roy stated first a question for Mr. MacKenzie and then because I do believe in this program I think we should send these gentlemen away with our support. Mr. MacKenzie, if you want to pull the cover off projector...one concern regarding the site...the area that's been chosen for the 20 acres of the site leaves a private road and sort of a peninsula created up in this area...do we have access across this private road?

Mr. MacKenzie replied this is a private road that extends up to the Pichette property and that they worked with the City to get that. There is additional land for future development that would be owned by the City and the MHRA here but we have left a small 50-foot stub to connect to that. So, again, that's an area for some type of future development if the Board were so to choose.

Alderman Roy stated so it wouldn't be landlocked by the private road.

Mr. MacKenzie stated it would not be landlocked no.

Alderman Roy stated that being said thank you, Mr. MacKenzie. I'd like to move that we send these gentlemen away with the full support of this Board to pursue a New Hampshire Job Corps location within the City of Manchester and thank them graciously for their time, effort and Senator Gregg's time and effort as well.

Alderman O'Neil duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Gatsas stated the gentleman that has the Grafton Job Corps...Patrick Van Royan I couldn't remember.

Mr. Anagnost stated he's our resident expert, he lives in Manchester.

Alderman Gatsas stated the name of the company that you work for and how many Job Corps do they operate?

Mr. Van Royan replied they operate ten Job Corps Centers.

Alderman Gatsas asked the name of the company.

Mr. Van Royan replied Adams & Associates, Inc.

Alderman Gatsas asked a privately held company or publicly-owned?

Mr. Van Royan replied a private company.

Alderman Gatsas asked is there any other company in the United States that runs more than ten facilities?

Mr. Van Royan replied yes there are another five or six companies that run more than ten facilities.

Alderman Duval stated just a quick question...I don't mean to put him on the spot but I noticed that Commissioner Copadis, New Hampshire's Labor Commissioner is with this evening in the audience. I also know that he's a long time Manchester resident and certainly would consider all aspects of Manchester's quality of life and so forth. Commissioner, do you have any comments on it...has the Department of State have an official position on this site and its impact on Manchester and the benefits to the State of New Hampshire.

Mr. George Copadis, State of NH Labor Commissioner, stated we support the full concept of a Job Corps Center for the State of New Hampshire. As you know New Hampshire's one of two states that does not have a Job Corps Center. There are two sites that we are looking at...Manchester is one site and the alternative site is the Littleton area and again we are in full support of the Job Corps Program.

Alderman Duval asked specifically Manchester though, Commissioner...you prefer the Manchester location.

Commissioner Copadis replied we prefer the Manchester location correct.

Alderman O'Neil stated first of all I'd just like to say to the gentlemen here thank you very much for the opportunity that's before us this evening, it's a breath of fresh air in the City of Manchester and I for one will be voting in full support of this and I want to thank you for considering Manchester to be the host of the Job Corps Center. I think it's a great opportunity for our citizens, many of our citizens would be able to take advantage of this. I'm sure many of our businesses would take advantage of this. Michael, I don't know if you want to touch or Dick on...I'm thinking about companies like AutoDesk and Texas Instruments that appeared before this body not too long ago in the springtime talking about the need to attract a quality workforce. I think we're tending to concentrate on some of the less skilled positions and not the higher skilled positions and I don't know if you'd like to comment about that.

Mr. Power stated here's an indication of community support from the employers. Gail Garceau who I introduced before who ran the United Way for Manchester has been working for about seven to ten days in getting in-kind contributions from Manchester area employers. We're kind of gazing ourselves against the Tampa, Florida proposal of three years ago and in several months that 2.3 million person community raised \$5 million in in-kind contributions. Gail Garceau has raised in this community of 120,000 about \$1.5 million in about seven days. The support is there from private industry to do this and I really appreciate the opportunity to take so much of your time tonight.

Mr. Anagnost stated and those kinds of businesses, Alderman O'Neil, will be solicited to partner up with the Job Corps in our area. There's a long host of businesses that have contacted us, there's a further larger list that we have yet to contact on our own and if I may

the last two or two of the last five Job Corps that were awarded...Rhode Island and Connecticut actually served as anchors from new industrial parks.

Alderman O'Neil stated I'm thinking that that would be true with this. We've had a number of presentations with an economic study with Angelou Economics I think within the past year...this to me just helps bring those potential opportunities along and I hope, I don't expect it's going to be but I would hope it would be a unanimous vote of this Board tonight to support this project.

Mr. Power stated let me add one more thing in terms of employers and I would be happy to...now that we've made this initial presentation to you to keep each and every one of you on a several times a week basis on every single employer and every single community linkage that is being developed so that if you have any questions, suggestions or comments about any of the linkages that we're developing for this New Hampshire Job Corps Center that you'll be a part of it and I'll get your e-mails, I'll get your phone numbers and do that starting tonight.

Mr. Anagnost stated Mayor if I might just something. A Job Corps from New Hampshire is not a lock, we still have to complete, there will be at least 25 to 30 other states that will have very competitive proposals in Washington. The support of this Board and this piece of land will make Manchester that much more...Manchester and the State of New Hampshire that much more competitive in our proposal.

Mayor Guinta called for a vote on the motion.

In response to question, Deputy City Clerk Johnson replied the motion is to extend the full support of the Board to have a Job Corps Center located in Manchester.

Alderman Gatsas, Long, Duval, Pinard, O'Neil, Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, Thibault and Roy voted yea. Alderman Osborne voted nay. Alderman Forest abstained. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Guinta advised if you desire to remove any of the following items from the Consent Agenda, please so indicate. If none of the items are to be removed, one motion only will be taken at the conclusion of the presentation.

Ratify and Confirm Poll Conducted

A. On August 21, 2006 approving the transfer of \$4,717 from Contingency to Human Resources for the Bright Ideas Extraordinary Service Awards.

(Aldermen Roy, Long, Duval Osborne, Pinard, Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, Thibault and Forest voted yea; Alderman Gatsas abstained; Alderman O'Neil was unavailable.)

Accept BMA Minutes

B. Minutes of BMA meetings held on May 16, 2006 (two meetings) and June 6, 2006 (two meetings).

Approve under Supervision of the Department of Highways

C. PSNH Petition #12-254 located on McGregor Street; Verizon Petition #4AAEKZ located on Granite Street; Verizon Petition #4AAF3V located on McGregor and Foundry Streets; and Verizon Petition #4AAF3N located on Moore Street.

<u>Informational – to be Received and Filed</u>

- **D.** Minutes of the Mayor's Utility Coordinating Committee meeting held on July 19, 2006.
- **E.** Minutes of the MTA Commission meeting held on June 27, 2006 and the Financial and Ridership Reports for the month of June 2006.
- **F.** Communication from the NH Department of Environmental Services advising of the passage of HB1455 relative to the Electronics Waste Bill.
- **G.** Communication from the NH Office of Energy and Planning advising of the recent public workshops held on June 7, 2006 regarding the newly updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps proposed to become effective in May 2007.

REFERRALS TO COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON BILLS ON SECOND READING

I. Ordinance:

"Amending Sections 33.024, 33.025, & 33.026 (Systems/ Programming Manager-Systems/Development Manager, Computer Programmer-Applications Developer/Analyst) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester."

"Amending Section 33.062 (D), Part-Time Employees, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

J. Bond Resolution:

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) for the 2007 CIP 511207, Derryfield Country Club Rehabilitation Project."

COMMITTEE ON BILLS ON SECOND READING

L. Recommending that Ordinance:

"Authorizing the Mayor to dispose of certain tax deeded property located at Map 0372, Lot 0010-A, known as L. Chenette Ave."

ought to pass.

(Unanimous vote)

M. Recommending that Ordinance:

"Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by repealing Chapter 94: Noise Regulations in its entirety and inserting a new Chapter 94: Noise Regulations."

ought to pass.

(Aldermen Duval, Lopez, Garrity, and Pinard recorded in favor; Alderman Gatsas opposed.)

The Committee notes that it has requested the Committee on Administration to review the Noise Ordinance as it relates to noise levels, and to consider consistency with State law in that review.

(Unanimous vote on this request.)

N. Recommending that Ordinance:

"Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by extending the R-SM (Residential Suburban Multi-Family) zone district to include property currently zoned IND (Industrial) located on the south side of Holt Avenue between East Industrial Park Drive and Waverly Street and known as Tax Map 716, Lot 38."

ought to pass.

The Committee notes that it has requested the Director of Planning to provide a report to the full Board regarding potential drainage issues.

(Note: such report from the Director of Planning enclosed.) (Unanimous vote)

Q. Recommending that Ordinances:

"Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by revising the CV (Conservation) zoning district boundary along the Piscataquog River.

"Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by changing the expiration period of variances, special exceptions, and conditional use permits in Article 15.03 to be consistent with the expiration period in Article 14.02."

"Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by inserting additional language into Article 6.10 Special Lot sizes in the R-2 District for clarification and consistency with the original intent of the special lot sizes in this district."

"Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by revising the definition of Lot width in Article 3.03 Definition of Terms."

ought to pass.

(Aldermen Duval, Gatsas, Garrity and Pinard voted yea; Alderman Lopez was absent.)

R. Recommending that Ordinance:

"Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by adding language to Article 10.06(C) regarding required loading spaces."

ought to pass.

(Aldermen Duval, Garrity and Pinard voted yea; Alderman Gatsas voted nay; Alderman Lopez was absent.)

S. Recommending that Ordinance:

"Amending the Building Code of the City of Manchester as adopted in Section 151.01 of the City of Manchester Code of Ordinances by repealing the 1999 National Electrical Code and adopting the 2005 edition of the National Electrical Code."

ought to pass.

(Aldermen Duval, Gatsas, Garrity and Pinard voted yea; Alderman Lopez was absent.)

T. Recommending that the Design Guidelines for the Arena Overlay District, enclosed herein, be approved.

(Aldermen Duval, Gatsas, Garrity and Pinard voted yea; Alderman Lopez was absent.)

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

V. Recommending that the Board authorize transfer and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$40,000 for the 2007 CIP 511407 Black Brook Dam Removal Engineering Project, subject to all funds being identified, and for such purpose resolutions and budget authorizations have been submitted.

(Unanimous vote)

W. Recommending that the Board authorize acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$11,868,000 for the FY2007 CIP 712907 Granite Street Widening Project, and for such purpose a resolution and budget authorization has been submitted.

 $(Unanimous\ vote)$

X. Recommending that CIP #411504 Fire Emergency Management Planning be extended until December 31, 2006.

(Unanimous vote)

Y. Recommending that a petition to discontinue Allard Drive (formerly known as North Turner Street), Chagnon Street, Lumber Lane, and Douglas Street be referred to a Road Hearing to be held on Monday, October 16, 2006 at 6 PM in the Aldermanic Chambers of City Hall.

(Unanimous vote)

Z. Recommending that a petition to discontinue a portion of West Mitchell Street be referred to a Road Hearing to be held on Monday, October 16, 2006 at 6 PM in the Aldermanic Chambers of City Hall.

(Unanimous vote)

AA. Recommending that with regard to a petition for the release and discharge of a portion of Eugene Street, the Board find that the subject area of the petition having never been opened, built, nor used for public travel be released and discharged pursuant to RSA 231:51.

(Unanimous vote)

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AB. Recommending that with regard to a petition for the release and discharge of a portion of Wolcott Street, the Board find that the subject area of the petition having never been opened, built, nor used for public travel be released and discharged pursuant to RSA 231:51.

(Unanimous vote)

AC. Advising that they have approved a request of the Deputy Public Works Director to recycle some of the used police cruisers into the existing fleet. (*Unanimous vote*)

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES/INSURANCE

- **AD.** Advising that it has approved Ordinances:
 - "Amending Section 33.054 (B) (2) (Overtime Compensation/Comp Time) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester."
 - "Amending Section 33.076 (A), Special Leave of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester."
 - "Amending Section 33.080 (A) (1) Military Service, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester."

and is recommending same be referred to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading for technical review.

(Aldermen Gatsas, Shea, Pinard and Duval voted yea; Alderman Garrity was absent.)

AE. Recommending that a request for reclassification and updates to positions in the Information Systems Department be approved as follows:

Computer Operator II

Update content of class specification; no change in salary,

Web Services Administrator

Update content of class specification; no change in salary.

Systems/Programming Manager

Update content of class specifications; no change in salary, change title to Systems/Development Manager.

Computer Programmer

Update content of class specification; increase salary from Grade 18 to Grade 19, and change title to Applications Development/Analyst.

Computer Programmer/Analyst

Update content of class specification, no change in salary, change title to Senior Applications Developer/Analyst.

For such purpose ordinances have been submitted for referral and adoption as appropriate.

(Aldermen Gatsas, Shea, Pinard, Duval in favor; Alderman Garrity absent.)

AF. Advising that it has approved Ordinance:

"Amending Section 33.062 (D), Part-Time Employees, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester."

establishing minimum hours for part-time employees relating to the retirement and health insurance program as enclosed herein, and recommends same be referred to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading for technical review.

(Aldermen Gatsas, Shea, Pinard, Duval in favor; Alderman Garrity absent.)

COMMITTEE ON JOINT SCHOOL BUILDINGS

AG. Advising that it has accepted the School Facilities Improvement Project Report for the month of August 2006 and is forwarding same to the Board for informational purposes.

(School Committee Members Beaudry and Gelinas, Aldermen Thibault, Roy and Long voted yea; School Committee Member Herbert was absent.)

AH. Advising that it has approved an estimated expenditure of \$940.00 from the School Facilities Improvement Project contingency for scraping, priming and painting the dust collection cyclone at Manchester Memorial High School, subject to review and determination by the City Finance Officer that such expenditure is allowable within the scope of the related bond.

(School board Members Beaudry and Gelinas, Aldermen Thibault and Roy voted yea; Alderman Long voted nay; School Board Member Herbert was absent.)

AI. Advising that it has reduced the amount for committee review of project change orders for the Design/Build project contingency from \$25,000 to \$2,500.

(School Committee Members Beaudry and Gelinas, Aldermen Thibault, Roy and Long voted year; School Committee Member Herbert was absent.)

COMMITTEE ON LANDS AND BUILDINGS

AJ. Recommending that the former site of the Weston Street Fire Station be transferred from the Fire Department to the Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Department, and that such land be designated City parkland.

The Committee further recommends that the Board approve conceptual plans to dedicate such park as the Firefighters Memorial Park to be stewarded through a neighborhood association consisting of members from the community in conjunction with the Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Department.

 $(Aldermen\ Thibault,\ Smith,\ Roy\ and\ Long\ voted\ yea;\ Alderman\ Forest\ was\ absent.)$

AK. Advising that it has directed staff to negotiate with Amoskeag Industries with regard to disposition of the Ash Street School property.

The Committee notes that it has found the property surplus to City needs and has requested staff to return to the Committee with a proposed agreement between the City and Amoskeag Industries relating to current deed restrictions of such property; and to consider future deed restrictions relating to the historic building thereon. (Aldermen Thibault, Smith, Roy and Long voted yea; Alderman Forest was absent.)

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC

AL. Recommending that a request from Intown Manchester to allow free parking downtown on Wednesday, September 13, 2006 from 5 PM until 8 PM for their Taste of Downtown Manchester event be approved.

(Unanimous vote)

- **AN.** Advising that it has requested the Police Department administration work with the Human Resources Director to review pay and benefits, comparing with other New Hampshire and New England areas, and look at what is attracting certified officers to other areas, and report back to the Committee.
- **AO.** Recommending that regulations governing standing, stopping, parking and operation of vehicles be adopted and put into effect when duly advertised and posted. (*Unanimous vote*)

HAVING READ THE CONSENT AGENDA, ON MOTION OF ALDERMAN O'NEIL, DULY SECONDED BY ALDERMAN DUVAL, IT WAS VOTED THAT THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED.

H. Communication from Chuck Hungler relative to the Manchester Employees' Contributory Retirement System authority to bind the City for COLA's without BMA approval and the health subsidy as it relates to part-time employees.

Alderman Shea stated this was a letter that was sent by one of the Retirement Board Trustees and my concern at this time, your Honor, is the City is...we are not making decisions regarding the COLA's and I think that one of the problems that we have is that we are...I don't want to use the use "held hostage" but we have to, at this stage, accept whatever these people that serve on the Board and according to the letter they're very reliable and hard working but obviously they do not reflect the feelings necessarily of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. My thoughts, your Honor, run along the lines that maybe the City should appoint or select or nominate or have someone from the City as a consultant to examine whether or not this particular situation is in the best interest of and I hate to keep using the word taxpayers but the people of Manchester who have to pay the additional monies that are voted when there is not enough money in the Retirement Fund that these people have and to examine and see whether or not possibly the Board of Mayor and Aldermen may make a suggestion so that future City employees may be eligible for State Retirement rather than City Retirement and so that's a thought that has gone through my mind as well as other people I'm sure that work in Finance and so forth.

Mayor Guinta interjected I think it's an excellent idea.

Alderman Shea stated the second point that he mentioned is the fact that people in the City are contributing to a fund that they will never realize any kind of benefit from. In other words, money is being taken away from people for health benefits they can't possibly receive so this would be another way of trying to solve the situation by having someone examine it and come to us or come back to us for suggestions or thoughts or ideas so I'm making that, your Honor, as part of my motion that we try to go forward with that.

Mayor Guinta asked would you include in that motion to refer to the appropriate Committee which would be Administration for additional review and then a recommendation back to the full Board but I think it's worthy of discussion.

Alderman Shea replied sure.

Alderman Duval duly seconded the motion.

Alderman O'Neil stated I thought you told me that Committee wasn't going to do much you seem to like to throw a lot of...

Mayor Guinta stated Alderman O'Neil I know there was a reason you are in the position you are.

Alderman Shea interjected may I add my colleague will do a great job directing that particular process.

Mayor Guinta called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

K. Resolutions:

- "Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500) for the FY2007 CIP 214007 Southern NH Area Health Education Center Program."
- "Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of five Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars (\$5,539) for the FY2007 CIP 410507 Justice Assistance Grant Program."
- "Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for FY2007 CIP 510407 Fun In The Sun Program."
- "Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for the 2007 CIP 511507 Bass Island-Blacksmith Shop Environmental Site Assessment Project."
- "Amending the FY2005 and FY2007 Community Improvement Programs, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Forty Four Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars and Forty Two Cents (\$44,269.42) for the FY2007 CIP 610407 Housing Rehab/Lead Hazard Control Program."
- "Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Eleven Million Eight Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$11,868,000) for FY2007 CIP 712907 Granite Street Widening Project."

"Amending the FY2003 and 2007 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the 2007 CIP 511407 Black Brook Dam Removal Engineering Project."

"Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the 2007 CIP 511407 Black Brook Dam Removal Engineering Project."

"Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventeen dollars (\$4,717) from Contingency to Highway – Regular Salary."

Alderman Lopez stated I just wanted clarification on the sixth resolution regarding the Granite Street Widening Project...\$11.868 million does that number include the \$1.5 million that recently was in the paper?

Mayor Guinta stated the answer is no but I'll let Mr. MacKenzie explain.

Mr. Robert MacKenzie, Director of Planning, stated this particular money was money allocated previously, it does not include the \$1.5 million that was recently identified. The project is still shy funds, however.

Alderman Lopez asked can you give me the balance that we're shy to including the \$1.5 million to this...what's shy?

Mr. MacKenzie replied again Mr. Thomas is here and he would probably have more exact numbers.

Alderman Lopez stated I'm just trying to keep track of it because there's been a lot of numbers thrown around.

Mr. Frank Thomas, Public Works Director, stated the project is still presently shy about \$5.5 million...that does not include the \$1.5 million that we have tentatively been promised.

Alderman Lopez stated I thought it was a \$15 million project.

Mr. Thomas stated with escalation as explained to the committees over the years it has escalated because of construction costs...costs of steel, etc. so no we're short the \$5.5 million.

Alderman Lopez moved that the Resolutions be referred to the Committee on Finance. Alderman DeVries duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Reports of the Committee on Bills on Second Reading:

O. Recommending that Ordinance:

"Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by extending the B-2 (General Business) zoning district to include property currently zoned IND (Industrial) located on the south side of Gold Street east of the former Lawrence Branch of the B&M Railroad and including the following three lots Tax Map 875-14, 875-15, 875-16."

ought to pass.

(Aldermen Duval, Lopez, Garrity, and Pinard recorded in favor; Alderman Gatsas opposed.)

P. Recommending that Ordinance:

"Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by extending the R-3 (Urban Multi-family) zoning district to include property currently zoned R-1B (Single-family) located on a portion of Tax Map 691, Lot 143-1 that will be on the north side of a proposed Gold Street Bypass and adjacent to Bradley Street and the New St. Augustin's Cemetery."

ought to pass.

(Aldermen Duval, Lopez, Garrity and Pinard record in favor; Alderman Gatsas opposed.)

Alderman Garrity moved to table Items O & P at this time. Alderman Smith duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Report of the Committee on Community Improvement:

- **U.** Recommending that the Board authorize acceptance and expenditure of funds as follows:
 - a) \$4,500 for FY2007 CIP 214007 Southern NH Area Health Education Center Program;
 - b) \$5,539 for FY2007 CIP 410507 Justice Assistance Grant Program;
 - c) \$1,000 for FY2007 CIP 510407 Fun In The Sun Program;
 - d) \$30,000 for FY2007 CIP 511507 Bass Island-Blacksmith Shop Environmental Site Assessment Project; and
 - e) \$44,269.42 for FY2007 CIP 610407 Housing Rehab/Lead Hazard Control Program;

and for such purpose resolutions and budget authorizations have been submitted. (Unanimous vote)

Alderman Forest stated I'd like to discuss item (d) the \$30,000 for the environmental site assessment on Bass Island and the Blacksmith Shop. I've always been opposed to this project, I don't see why we should be spending money on that piece of property...so, I just want to be recorded as opposed to this item.

Mayor Guinta stated so noted.

Alderman Lopez moved to accept the report of the Committee on Community Improvement. Alderman Forest duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Alderman Forest duly recorded in opposition to item (d).

Report of the Committee on Public Safety and Traffic:

AM. Recommending that the Board support the recommendation that 10 new police officers be added to the Police Department's complement over the next two years.

 $(Unanimous\ vote)$

Alderman Roy stated at our last Public Safety meeting we worked hard on the letters and recommendations from your office and a number of the mayoral staff's and a number of the Aldermen and citizens. One thing that I would like to do...I'm definitely in support of this as it was my motion then but after talking to the Deputy Police Chief I believe it would be prudent to remove the final sentence of "over the next two years" and allow the Mayor's office and the Police Chief to manage that department without us dictating when and how we add the officers and allow you and the Police Chief to work together and not have the Aldermen micromanage the Police Department. So, I would ask that motion be amended to recommend that the Board support the recommendation that ten new police officers be added to the Police Department complement...and end it there and not with the statement of "over the next two years".

Alderman Forest duly seconded the motion to amend the report as outlined.

Alderman Gatsas stated I'm not sure...I didn't have an opportunity to view that committee meeting but my question is there was \$2.2 million in overtime and my understanding was that all the grants that we get half to be paid in overtime...I've not seen any of those grants and seen that terminology...my understanding was we were going to find out if we could subcontract sending out the issuance of warrants, I'm not sure if that's come back because some of the questions I've asked around it's about \$19 that can get them served along with mileage and I guess did anybody do any sort of cost analysis on any of that?

Mayor Guinta replied I think to answer your question, Alderman, most of those issues are still on the table in committee for further review. This is probably the only one I believe that came out with fairly unanimous support...the remainder are being discussed I believe the issue that you're referencing is being addressed in committee as well so if I could ask Alderman Osborne to give us a better idea on that.

Alderman Osborne asked what's the question?

Mayor Guinta replied Alderman Gatsas was asking about some of the ideas that were talked about at the Special Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting on crime, on public safety most notably some of the costs associated with some of the particular items that the Police Department has to deal with. I think one being the service of warrants is one issue. I don't know if the Police Department has been able to provide...first of all, has not been able to provide an update to this committee yet...I certainly anticipate one.

Alderman Gatsas stated I guess my question is how do you put the cart before the horse because maybe the recommendations when they've explored all the areas that we're looking at maybe the recommendation will become to hire 20 new police officers this year and get them on the street. So, how can you come out with this thing without investigating (1) the

\$2.2 million and whether those grants are issued that only can be paid in overtime and (2) whether we can't outsource the subpoena's that...I don't want to quote the number but when I started doing some of the math somebody had to serve like 15 of those in an hour and I don't know if you have the ability to get around in the City of Manchester to serve 15 an hour.

Mayor Guinta stated I can tell you the recommendation that I made to this Board was I felt we needed to find a way to get to the 225 officer complement number that has been talked about by the Police Chief. This was one of the recommendations that I was asking the Board to commit to and the reason I had initially placed a two-year period over it was I wanted to send a message to the City that this Board will work collectively to get there within the next two fiscal years...whether that happens sooner or whether the number is higher as a result of discussions that come out of the Public Safety Committee is something that I'm certainly willing to entertain but at the very least this was a recommendation based on meetings that I had with the Chief, Deputy Chiefs and other law enforcement in the state.

Alderman Osborne stated they have a hard time now to meet their complement. It's always been that way over the years...they're always four or five officers short and when they come up the...or when Mr. Roy came up with the recommendation of ten new police officers is said is this money earmarked for this particular purpose and I guess it just goes into the Police Department general fund and they can just disburse it at their own discretion. So, we had nothing to say about it...that's about the content of what happened and they were supposed to come back at the next meeting with an update.

Alderman Gatsas stated obviously the shootings in the City haven't slowed down, the stabbings haven't slowed down and I think that whether we need to get state police in here or if we need to ask for some other police protection to come in and help I think that's an opportunity that we have. But, I think that there's got to be some sort of show of force that the crime is going to slow down and I guess I'm looking for some definite answers rather than we're working on something and we'll come up with it and recommending ten police officers and whether we need to ask the state police to come in and help we've got enough overtime money that's being distributed in all of these other projects. I know that sometimes infringing on those territories is not where the local police want to go but I think that we have an obligation to protect our citizens and I think that we need to explore it and it can't be something that can float from meeting to meeting to get those answers. I think the public is waiting for definite answers on what we're gong to do and how we're going to combat the problems we have in this City and I think that looking at this over the next two years or taking out the two years that's a fine objective but again if it's about getting officers on the street then we need to do something about it, we need to do it quickly.

Alderman O'Neil stated the one concrete thing we've addressed is we have authorized the Chief to...if he needs to spend overtime to put more police officers on the streets for the next

several months he's authorized to do that. This Board took a vote on that. So, some of these other items is part of a long-term planning but the Chief has been authorized...I hope they have been hiring some extra...some officers on overtime to put a more show of force out there, I'd be disappointed if they haven't but I believe they have. So, we have taken action, we haven't been sitting back doing nothing. I think the committee is waiting for some information back from the department I know...I think, if I recall sometime at the end of August all the city departments were meeting regarding the Neighborhood Enhancement Team and they're supposed to report back at the next meeting on that so I think there are some steps, there are some very short term, some middle term and some long-term things that need to happen. So, I think those things are happening.

Alderman Lopez stated I share a little concern just like Alderman Gatsas and some of the things that are initiated in trying to get some of the answers. I'm rather concerned that we don't walk away and say okay we're going to complement ten new police officers. Ten new police officers might not solve the problem period. You could have 15 or 20 police officers. I think we have to look at the entire situation over there and make sure that we have the right answers on the grant money which I'm sure the committee looked at very good but there's safety on everybody's mind in the City of Manchester so, therefore, I would ask the committee if they have to meet once-a-week to solve some of these problems or get some answers then the committee should do so and not look at this as just being we're going to add ten new police officers and that's going to solve the problem...that's not going to solve the problem. There are other issues that need to be taken up and making sure there's an update on the reserve force, how that's going along and there needs to be an update...it can't be a 30 day or 60 day delay in making decisions and I think the frustration I have.

Alderman Forest stated I think every city in the country is shorthanded police officers and they'll never catch up and I think it's always been a political battle...taxpayers versus politicians or whatever. I think that we have to add complement to Manchester as every other city does and I'm probably going to vote on this. The comment I have is for Alderman Gatsas' request about outsourcing subpoenas. I don't believe the Police Department or the Sheriff's Department...the Police Department other than maybe getting a complaint here and there do not handle subpoenas in civil cases, they handle subpoenas in criminal cases and I think and maybe the Chief can correct me if I'm wrong that in criminal cases I think the courts specify that it's got to be a police officer or an officer of the court to deliver those subpoenas. I don't think we can be outsourcing criminal case subpoenas so I don't think we're going to save any money there. I think police officers do have to do it.

Alderman Gatsas asked Chief will you address that please so that my colleague can understand that I might have done some research on this. And, I have a couple of follow-up questions.

Chief Jaskolka stated I'm actually not aware of any requirement as to who serves subpoenas. I know we did check with the Sheriff's Department and I believe they charge \$15 per subpoena to be served plus a one dollar handling fee and then there's another mileage fee that goes along with subpoenas that aren't served which is probably in the long run much more costly than it would be for us to serve the subpoenas or as we're doing now with the reserve officers serving subpoenas.

Alderman Gatsas stated I think we took a vote to allow you to add more overtime. I didn't know that we as a Board controlled your overtime number. So, can you give me a clarification as to what your understanding is for adding more overtime to get more police officers on the street because I'm sitting here saying there's \$2.2 million...we didn't direct you on any of that, are we telling you to spend more than the \$2.2 million, what is your understanding of what this Board has told you to do?

Chief Jaskolka replied my understanding and what my concern was at the time was the overtime number that we submitted as part of our budget was a pretty lean number and the concern was that should we have other major crimes...homicides and so forth that put large dents into the overtime budget should occur during the course of a year then the money we asked for wouldn't make it till the end of the year. So, my concern was if I continue to or by putting the extra police officers on the streets if at the end of the year I come up short on overtime if that was going to be a problem for this Board and again that was my concern that day and I believe the vote on that day was that if I overspent the overtime budget within reason for putting the extra police officers on the streets was where my concern was.

Alderman Gatsas stated but I think that what your budget showed didn't show the additional grants that go directly to overtime.

Chief Jaskolka stated the grants that go to overtime are specific for Street Sweeper, for instance, or the high-intensity, high-visibility through the U. S. Attorney's office are strictly for dealing with specific issues that is strictly overtime, I believe what the Board wanted.

Alderman Gatsas interjected just to follow-up on that question...are you saying to me that those grants that are coming in specifically say that those funds can only be used for overtime?

Chief Jaskolka replied that is correct.

Alderman Gatsas asked can you get me copies of those please?

Chief Jaskolka replied sure.

Mayor Guinta stated in the meantime this is a discussion that I think needs to continue to occur but it should be occurring at committee. I'll allow another question and then I want to take a vote.

Alderman Shea stated Chief while you're up can you give us kind of a thumb nail sketch about how the crime situation is in the City, is it improving, is it more under control?

Chief Jaskolka replied it's getting to be more under control with the additional units out there. The high-intensity, high-visibility patrol has been very successful. They're out there to deal with quality of life issues and they've been in the parking lots, they've been around the lounges, they've been combating the public drinking, they've been combating the public urination and the numbers that they're producing have been very successful and again quality of life issues is what's going to improve. The major problems that people feel that they can get away with the small stuff they're going to continue to grow larger and larger so we're hitting them on the smaller levels with quality of life and it seems to be working. Over the last few weeks the statistics have been very well and this past week is the first time since some time in March or April we've actually gone under 300 calls of service a day on an average per day.

Alderman Shea stated I'd hate to infringe upon someone else's ward but a discussion was mentioned tonight about specific problems around Central High School. Can overtime be used during the next few days or weeks in order to make sure that the property owners around that section rights are protected, is that a possibility?

Chief Jaskolka replied what we do at the beginning of school is we saturate all of the school areas with additional patrols and we'll do that for the first week to see how that works out and then it will be extended whatever problem areas we identify until those are resolved...that's something we've done yearly.

Mayor Guinta called for a vote on the motion to amend the report. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman Roy moved to accept the report as amended. Alderman Forest duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Mayor Guinta presented the following nominations:

Conservation Commission

Louis D. DeMato to succeed Todd Connors, term to expire August 1, 2009; Joann O'Shaughnessy to succeed herself, term to expire August 1, 2009; Michael S. Poisson to succeed himself, term to expire August 1, 2009; and Todd Connors to fill a vacancy as an alternate, term to expire August 1, 2009.

Office of Youth Services Advisory Board

Richard Anagnost to succeed Matthew Lapointe, term to expire January 1, 2008.

Police Commission

Nury Marquez to succeed herself, term to expire September 15, 2009; and Thomas Noonan to succeed himself, term to expire September 15, 2009.

Nominations to layover until the next meeting of the Board pursuant to Rule 20 of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Alderman Forest moved to suspend the rules and confirm the nominations of Joann O'Shaughnessy, Michael Poisson, Nury Marquez and Thomas Noonan as presented.

Alderman Roy duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

8. Confirmation of the nomination of A. Joseph Dion to fill a vacancy as an alternate members of the Heritage Commission, term to expire January 1, 2008.

Alderman Roy moved to confirm the nomination of A. Joseph Dion as presented. Alderman Duval duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

9. Confirmation of the nomination of William Meehan, DMD to succeed Nicholas Skaperdas, DMD as a member of the Board of Health, term to expire July 1, 2009.

Alderman Pinard moved to confirm the nomination of William Meehan as presented.

Alderman Shea duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

10. Report of the Committee on Community Improvement was presented recommending that the City accept and expend \$587,081 in additional funding for the Manchester VISTA Initiative program and transfer \$40,000 from the VISTA Coordinator Project for a total project of \$627,081 and for such purchase related resolution and budget authorizations be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Alderman Roy moved to accept the report of the Committee on Community Improvement as presented. Alderman Osborne duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

A second report of the Committee on Community Improvement was presented recommending that \$228,000 be transferred from the Public Works Infrastructure project to the City-wide Revaluation project and for such purpose a related resolution and budget authorization be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Alderman Long moved to accept the report of the Committee on Community Improvement as presented. Alderman Garrity duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

On motion of Alderman Osborne, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to recess the regular meeting to allow the Committee on Finance to meet.

Mayor Guinta called the meeting back to order.

OTHER BUSINESS

13. A report of the Committee on Finance was presented recommending that Bond Resolutions:

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) for the 2007 CIP 511207, Derryfield Country Club Rehabilitation Project."

ought to pass and layover and further that Resolutions:

- "Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500) for the FY2007 CIP 214007 Southern NH Area Health Education Center Program."
- "Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of five Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars (\$5,539) for the FY2007 CIP 410507 Justice Assistance Grant Program."
- "Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for FY2007 CIP 510407 Fun In The Sun Program."
- "Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for the 2007 CIP 511507 Bass Island-Blacksmith Shop Environmental Site Assessment Project."
- "Amending the FY2005 and FY2007 Community Improvement Programs, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Forty Four Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars and Forty Two Cents (\$44,269.42) for the FY2007 CIP 610407 Housing Rehab/Lead Hazard Control Program."
- "Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Eleven Million Eight Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$11,868,000) for FY2007 CIP 712907 Granite Street Widening Project."
- "Amending the FY2003 and 2007 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the 2007 CIP 511507 Black Brook Dam Removal Engineering Project."
- "Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the 2007 CIP 511507 Black Brook Dam Removal Engineering Project."
- "Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventeen dollars (\$4,717) from Contingency to Highway Regular Salary."

"Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Six Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand Eight One Dollars (\$627,081) for the FY2007 CIP 811407 Manchester VISTA Initiative Program."

"Amending the FY2006 and the 2007 Community Improvement Programs, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in The amount of Two Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$228,000) for the FY2007 CIP 811307 Citywide Revaluation Project."

Alderman Osborne moved to accept, receive and adopt the report of the Committee on Finance. Alderman Garrity duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Alderman Forest duly recorded in opposition to 511507.

14. A report of the Committee on Human Resources/Insurance was presented recommending that a position be created for the AmeriCorps VISTA Members established as a stipend and for such purpose an ordinance is enclosed herein. The Committee further recommends that the rules of the Board be suspended to allow for adoption of this ordinance without referral to Committees on September 5, 2006.

Alderman Shea moved to accept, receive and adopt the report of the Committee on Human Resources/Insurance. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

"Amending Sections 33.024, 33.025, & 33.026 (Americorps VISTA Member) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester."

Alderman Shea moved to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its final reading by title only. Alderman DeVries duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

On motion of Alderman Thibault, duly seconded by Alderman DeVries, it was voted that the Ordinance be read by title only, and it was so done.

Alderman Roy moved that the Ordinance pass and be Ordained. Alderman Long duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

15. A report of the Committee on Lands and Buildings was presented recommending that referenced properties be found surplus to City needs and disposed of through sale to the State of New Hampshire, Department of Transportation (DOT) subject to prices and conditions as further outlined and contained herein.

Subject properties:

Airport properties:

Londonderry Map 28, Lots 14; 21-11 (\$87,000)

Londonderry Map 28, Lot 17-2 (\$69,000)

Manchester Map 712, Lot 1-B

Londonderry Map 14, Lot 49(with Londonderry lot 1-B \$17,000)

Londonderry Map 14, Lot 45-1(\$750,000)

Londonderry Map 14, Lot 19 (\$6,000)

Manchester Map 866, Lots 63,63A; reserve easements both lots (\$95,000)

Manchester Map 866, Lot 64; reserve easement (\$95,000)

Manchester Map 866, Lot 38; reserve easement (\$95,000)

Manchester Map 711, Lot 55 (\$16,700)

Manchester Map 711, Lot 6 (\$150,000)

Manchester Map 866, Lot 37; reserve easement (\$95,000)

Tax Deeded properties

Manchester Map 713, Lot 1 (sale price \$27,000)

Manchester Map 866, Lot 36 (sale price \$2,400)

Total sale price all properties \$1,505,100.

Disposition of such properties shall be subject to execution of water, sewer, and drainage utility easements as noted above and subject to the review and approval of the Airport Director and City Solicitor.

The Committee notes that it finds just cause to dispose of such properties to the DOT as these properties are to be included in an Airport Access Road which is anticipated to alleviate traffic burdens on City residents and roadways and provide easier outside access to regional airport activities.

(9/5/2006 Lands & Buildings Report)

The Committee advises that the Planning Director has reviewed and recommended the properties be found surplus, the Tax Collector has no objection to sale of said properties and the Board of Assessors has reported the above noted values offered by the DOT are deemed reasonable.

In accordance with statutory requirements, the Committee has submitted ordinances for disposition of tax deeded properties and recommends same be referred to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading for technical consideration, with the request that said Ordinances be considered for adoption at the first meeting in October 2006.

Alderman Thibault moved to accept, receive and adopt the report of the Committee on Lands and Buildings. Alderman Smith duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

16. State Legislative update presented by Mayor Guinta, if available.

Mayor Guinta advised there was no State Legislative update to be presented this evening.

17. Ordinances:

"Authorizing the Mayor to dispose of certain tax deeded property located at Map 0372, Lot 0010-A, known as L. Chenette Ave."

"Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by repealing Chapter 94: Noise Regulations in its entirety and inserting a new Chapter 94: Noise Regulations."

"Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by extending the R-SM (Residential Suburban Multi-Family) zone district to include property currently zoned IND (Industrial) located on the south side of Holt Avenue between East Industrial Park Drive and Waverly Street and known as Tax Map 716, Lot 38."

- "Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by revising the CV (Conservation) zoning district boundary along the Piscataquog River.
- "Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by changing the expiration period of variances, special exceptions, and conditional use permits in Article 15.03 to be consistent with the expiration period in Article 14.02."
- "Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by inserting additional language into Article 6.10 Special Lot sizes in the R-2 District for clarification and consistency with the original intent of the special lot sizes in this district."
- "Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by revising the definition of Lot width in Article 3.03 Definition of Terms."
- "Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by adding language to Article 10.06(C) regarding required loading spaces."
- "Amending the Building Code of the City of Manchester as adopted in Section 151.01 of the City of Manchester Code of Ordinances by repealing the 1999 National Electrical Code and adopting the 2005 edition of the National Electrical Code."

On motion of Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman Duval, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the Ordinances by titles only.

These Ordinances having had their second reading by titles only, on motion of Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman Duval, it was voted on passing same to be Enrolled.

On motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to recess the regular meeting to allow the Committee on Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue Administration to meet.

Mayor Guinta called the meeting back to order.

- **20.** A report of the Committee on Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue Administration was presented advising that Ordinances:
 - "Authorizing the Mayor to dispose of certain tax deeded property located at Map 0372, Lot 0010-A, known as L. Chenette Ave."
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were properly enrolled.

Alderman Pinard moved to accept, receive and adopt the report of the Committee on Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue Administration. Alderman Smith duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Osborne asked for clarification of the ordinance relating to Article 6.10 <u>Special</u> <u>Lot sizes in the R-2 District</u> noting there was something I was a little bit against there.

Deputy City Solicitor Arnold stated I would defer to Building if I could I'm not sure quite frankly what the motive behind that change was.

Mr. Leon LaFreniere, Building Commissioner, stated I believe the section that you're referring to might actually be a different section.

Alderman Osborne stated this is not where they're going to add another section in front of a home for parking is it?

Mr. LaFreniere replied no this is not that section.

Alderman Osborne stated okay thank you.

Mayor Guinta called for a vote on the motion to accept the report. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

21. Communication from Alderman Garrity requesting that the refurbished Calef Road Park be named in honor of Christopher Sullivan a lifelong resident of Ward 9.

Alderman Garrity stated I do have a change in my request to name it after the entire Sullivan Family thereby calling it "The Sullivan Family Park" and will move on that. Alderman O'Neil duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman Garrity stated thank you to my colleagues.

Alderman Gatsas asked Alderman Garrity can you tell us who the Sullivan Family is?

Alderman Garrity replied the Sullivan Family consists of ten children and the matriarch of the family recently passed away. In that family there are a lot of public servants...firefighters, nurses, nuns, teachers and I think it's very appropriate. The family homestead is actually one street over from where the park is.

22. Communication from Leo R. Bernier, City Clerk, requesting the Board set polling hours for the State General Election scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 2006 from 6 AM until 7 PM.

Alderman Pinard moved to set polling hours for the State General Election scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 2006 from 6 AM until 7 PM. Alderman Roy duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

23. Communication from Leo R. Bernier, City Clerk, requesting permission to apply for a \$8,141 grant to fund the restoration of eight (8) volumes of Birth, Marriage and Death records, 1882-1919.

Alderman Pinard moved to authorize the City Clerk to apply for a \$8,141 grant as outlined. Alderman Osborne duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

24. Communication from Carol Johnson, Deputy City Clerk, submitting on behalf of Chief Jaskolka, a return of Warrant for Non-Renewal of Dog License pursuant to RSA 466:16.

On motion of Alderman DeVries, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted to accept the warrant for non-renewal of dog licenses.

Alderman Pinard moved to accept the warrant of non-renewal of dog licenses pursuant to RSA 466:16. Alderman Roy duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried

25. Communication from Paul Martineau, Welfare Commissioner, submitting updated Welfare Guidelines for adoption pursuant to RSA 165:1(II).

Alderman Forest moved to adopt the updated Welfare Guidelines pursuant to RSA 165:1(II). Alderman Thibault duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

26. Communication from the Manchester Police Relief Association requesting a donation towards this year's fundraiser.

Mayor Guinta stated per the Chief Item 26 a motion would be in order to receive and file.

Alderman Pinard moved to receive and file Item 26. Alderman Osborne duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Alderman Roy duly recorded in opposition.

27. Communication from Attorney Andrew Sullivan, on behalf of Ronald and Diane St. Hilaire and JAMCO, Inc., requesting the Board vote and affirm that pursuant to RSA 674:41 (I) (d) (1), issuance of building permits on Corson Street, a private way, is authorized.

(Note: communication from Kevin McCue, Chairman of the Manchester Planning)

(Note: communication from Kevin McCue, Chairman of the Manchester Planning Board, advising of the Planning's Board recommendation that the BMA not authorize building permits on Corson Street, a private way.)

Alderman Shea moved to deny the request based on the Planning Board recommendation.

Alderman Garrity duly seconded the motion.

Alderman O'Neil stated I've read this thing I don't know how many times including some of the real old documentation...can Bob MacKenzie in 20 words or less tell me exactly what goes on with this. Is this lot never going to be built?

Mr. MacKenzie replied I'm not sure if I can Alderman.

Alderman O'Neil stated there seems to be a lot of passing to the ZBA...I'm trying to follow.

Mr. MacKenzie stated it comes down to the fact that they probably do not have any rights to go into Corson Street based upon how it was laid out in 1929. They do have an option now and I think they will be exploring going to get a building permit with a frontage on Jewett Street.

Alderman O'Neil stated okay thank you...he did do it.

Mayor Guinta called for a vote on the motion to deny the request. The motion carried with Alderman Thibault being duly recorded as abstaining.

28. Ordinance:

"Amending Section 33.026 (Computer Operator II & Web Services Administrator) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester."

On motion of Alderman Thibault, duly seconded by Alderman Roy, it was voted that the Ordinance be read by title only, and it was so done.

The Ordinance having had the approval of the Human Resources/Insurance Committee, and the report having been accepted by the Board, on motion of Alderman Duval, duly seconded by Alderman Long, it was voted that the Ordinance pass and be Ordained.

29. Ordinances:

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On motion of Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman Long, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the Ordinances by titles only.

These Ordinances having had their third and final reading by titles only, Alderman Osborne moved on passing same to be Ordained. Alderman Thibault duly seconded the motion.

There being none opposed, the motion carried.

30. Bond Resolutions:

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000) for the 2007 CIP 511307 JFK Coliseum Rehabilitation Project."

(Note: referred to the CIP Committee by the BMA on 08/01/2006. On 08/14/2006 CIP Committee voted to table this item.)

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) for the 2007 CIP 712407 Cohas Phase 2 – Contract 2 Project."

Mayor Guinta removed the first Bond Resolution relating to the JFK Coliseum noting it was currently tabled in the CIP Committee.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated perhaps the Board could table the first item so that it remains at the Board level until they have received reports.

Alderman Garrity moved to table the first Bond Resolution. Alderman Roy duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Smith asked are we being held hostage on this because the repairs to the JFK are necessary, I don't want to go down the same street that we did with the Ash Street School. I think we should get an answer right away and if we're going to pursue that it's going to be quite a substantial amount of bond money to move the JFK to another site...the Highway Department or such...it's like a domino effect. I would like to see this taken care of right away because we might not have any sheets of ice for the people to play on this year and I know it's been held up in CIP but I can't understand why it's necessary and I hate to see it go that way. I think that the School Department...I voted against...I voted actually for the School Department to go to Karatzas Avenue and it didn't go and the School Department was interested in that site. Now, they're choosing and I think this is so vital for Fun-In-The-Sun Program, for Hunt Pool, it's centrally located and I think that we should move on the JFK as soon as possible.

Alderman Garrity stated per the Director's statements I guess this doesn't go out to RFP until March, is that right, isn't it a March date. So, there's really no pressing time where we have to make a decision.

Alderman Shea stated I think the only fly in the ointment if I may use that particular statement is that in case there is a problem there which is unexpected and of course maybe not anticipated I think there would have to be an emergency meeting of the CIP Committee in order to cope with that because I think that the Flames as well as the high schools depend on that sheet of ice for their games and so I think that we should make sure that we keep that in our minds.

Alderman Lopez stated I agree with Alderman Smith. I think that decisions should be made. I, for one, don't want to tear down the JFK Coliseum. I think we're prolonging this whole process by saying something that they might not be approved. The School Department came by and said they were talking about the Weston Station Firehouse area for the school and the JFK Coliseum. But, I think there's a lot of information that's probably not coming to the Aldermen as to what a new ice arena is going to cost, where it's going to go and decisions should be made. So, I for one am not in favor of tearing down the JFK Coliseum and we should move on with the project and get it fixed up there. If they want to expand Beech Street School they can still do it.

Mayor Guinta stated is it fair to say Alderman Garrity that we can get this resolved at the next full Board meeting, is that enough time do you think?

Alderman Garrity replied yes. We'll have it in front of the Board, well I would hope by the next Board meeting because we do have to make a decision in CIP as to what we're going to do either fix it or whatever.

Alderman Osborne stated I just wanted to let Alderman Lopez know that they can't expand the Beech Street School because of Cemetery Brook that runs beneath and close to that building. I got into that a couple of years ago...I wanted to see if they could expand it and go up a couple of floors or whatever we could do with that and evidently the School Department never got back to me with a full answer but the answer I got was that it couldn't be expanded because of the Cemetery Brook.

Alderman Lopez stated if I could respond. I don't think we could get clear answers on any project that we're looking at period.

Mayor Guinta called for a vote on tabling the first Bond Resolution. The motion carried with Aldermen Shea, Smith, Thibault, Forest and Lopez duly recorded in opposition.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman DeVries, it was voted that the second Bond Resolution be read by title only, and it was so done.

Alderman DeVries moved that the second Bond Resolution pass and be Enrolled. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion.

Alderman O'Neil stated I think we were trying to keep this moving but we're also looking for some information back if I recall on some side streets and why they weren't addressed...does that sound familiar? Frank, we haven't heard back from anybody on that to the best of my knowledge.

Mayor Guinta called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

31. Resolutions:

- "Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500) for the FY2007 CIP 214007 Southern NH Area Health Education Center Program."
- "Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of five Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars (\$5,539) for the FY2007 CIP 410507 Justice Assistance Grant Program."
- "Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for FY2007 CIP 510407 Fun In The Sun Program."
- "Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for the 2007 CIP 511507 Bass Island-Blacksmith Shop Environmental Site Assessment Project."
- "Amending the FY2005 and FY2007 Community Improvement Programs, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Forty Four Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars and Forty Two Cents (\$44,269.42) for the FY2007 CIP 610407 Housing Rehab/Lead Hazard Control Program."
- "Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Eleven Million Eight Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$11,868,000) for FY2007 CIP 712907 Granite Street Widening Project."
- "Amending the FY2003 and 2007 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the 2007 CIP 511507 Black Brook Dam Removal Engineering Project."
- "Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the 2007 CIP 511507 Black Brook Dam Removal Engineering Project."
- "Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventeen dollars (\$4,717) from Contingency to Highway Regular Salary."
- "Amending the FY 2007 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Six hundred Twenty Seven thousand Eighty One Dollars (\$627,081) for the FY2007 CIP 811407 Manchester VISTA Initiative Program."
- "Amending the FY2005 and the 2007 Community Improvement Programs, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$228,000) for the FY2007 CIP 811307Citywide Revaluation Project."

On motion of Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the Resolutions by titles only.

Alderman Long moved that the Resolution pass and be Enrolled. Alderman Roy duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Alderman Forest duly recorded in opposition to item 511507.

32. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Guinta stated the Board of Aldermen has what I am about to read for the public's information. It is, in my view, with deep regret that after 33 years of service we're accepting the resignation of our Health Director Fred Rusczek. He has sent a letter that I will quickly read:

August 17, 2006

Dear Mayor Guinta:

Please accept my resignation, for retirement reasons, from the position of Public Health Director effective November 30, 2006.

I've come to realize that there is never a "good" time to retire. There are always projects to be finished and challenges to be met. But after 33 years, including nearly 20 years as the Health Department Director, I believe that this is as good a time as ever for change, for the Department and for myself. The Department is blessed with competent and committed staff who will ensure that excellent public health services will continue, and flourish in the months and years ahead. Leaving such a staff is difficult, for in addition to my deep admiration for their professionalism, work ethic, and commitment to our community; there are many personal relationships that I shall always cherish.

Manchester is a wonderful community where I've enjoyed a great working relationship with city departments, community agencies and health care providers. During my tenure I worked under eight mayors, and, as a department head, directly reported to five. From the many Aldermen and Board of Health members with whom I have interacted, I've developed a deep appreciation and profound respect for the commitment and community spirit of elected and appointed officials. Their support of the Health Department and me has been most appreciated.

I would be happy to work in any manner that is helpful to the transition to a new public health director.

Sincerely, s/Fred Rusczek

Mayor Guinta stated when Fred gave me this letter I joked with him that I didn't want to accept it and then he told me I would lose a vote by his wife in the upcoming election because he does have a life beyond the City of Manchester, but Fred's an individual who clearly has served this City and the state for more than 30 years and it's really...I've had the pleasure of working with him as an Alderman and as a Mayor and I do believe those sentiments are felt by my predecessors and I certainly wish you the very best, Fred, in your future endeavors. But, he's assured me that he'd be here for us should we need him and I think he'll be more than willing to help us as we proceed in the coming months and the coming years. We have another two months with you though so we'll give you all the work in the next two months.

Alderman Pinard stated this is the fifth year of the towers in New York. Four years ago we organized a remember at Massabesic Lake. This year it's being organized by the School District, it's quite an event and something that we don't want to forget, don't want our kids to forget that tragic day. The program will start Monday, September 11th at 8 AM and continue accordingly until a little after nine o'clock. All of the Aldermen, the Mayor or anyone wishing to attend please come because it's something again that we all the citizens who have been through many wars in our days don't want to forget. We don't want our kids to forget this tragic day so I hope to see all of you and those viewing the meeting this evening. Take an hour off and come down to pay respect to the people that have died and given their lives to terror. Thank you, your Honor.

Alderman Lopez stated we had an action at the Special Committee on Energy Projects tonight, a little discussion on it and it was passed to come before the Board but it is not going to come until next month and I think it's crucial after talking to the Chairman that the City Clerk be directed to refer it back to Committee from our discussions. One of the major items of discussion is whether we're going to take \$280,000 out of contingency for 2006 when we could lower the tax rate when we go up to DRA, so the Committee Chairman has agreed to have the City Clerk refer it back to Committee so we can have more discussion on it.

Mayor Guinta asked does that require a motion?

Deputy City Clerk Johnson replied yes.

Alderman Thibault duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman Forest stated we had this discussion at the Committee level...let me explain what we did at the Committee level and I know that the Chairman sort of wants to send it back to Committee. I think we decided to send it up to the full Board, whether it gets tabled at the full Board or whether we come up with a different proposition to end this Aggregation issue I think we can discuss it at the October meeting and we can come up with a compromise to get it done. Sending it back to Committee isn't going to serve any purpose on this, it's just going to drag it on as we have over the last four or five years. I think it should stay with this Board and let us discuss this proposal at the October meeting. Is there any problem with waiting till October if there are any things that it could wait until October.

Mayor Guinta stated one question I have is is there an expectation that the Committee would meet between now and the October meeting.

Alderman Thibault stated if we have to, your Honor.

Mayor Guinta stated and then we can try to get this issue resolved in October.

Alderman Thibault stated I guess Alderman Lopez was questioning whether this money was going to be taken out of the '06 budget or the '07 budget...that is something that is of concern.

Mayor Guinta stated my recommendation was '06. I think for the '07 we only have \$210,000.

Alderman Thibault stated this was the reason for Alderman Lopez's question and I have no problem in digging into and finding out exactly what the ramifications of that would be.

Alderman Smith stated my situation is I think we should talk to the department heads because I don't know if they can absorb it in their budget because each one is going to be assessed so much money, am I correct?

Mayor Guinta replied they would under the plan that I've proposed. We can certainly...I've talked to the department heads and there seems to be general agreement that this can be done over time. So, I think the sticking point was the City's portion and my recommendation at the time was to utilize it over the '06. We do have to address it because it's been an issue that the City hasn't really addressed for a number of years and I think it's something we need to address. It's the responsible thing to do.

Alderman Gatsas asked has anybody...with the cost of fuel and the cost of energy...this program of aggregation was put into effect because there were rising costs back seven or eight years ago.

Mayor Guinta stated the question is would it work now?

Alderman Gatsas stated my question is has anybody looked at it before we just take a program that we've invested \$2.4 million, have we looked at anybody to aggregate with?

Mayor Guinta stated that's an interesting question.

Alderman Thibault stated according to Randy Sherman he's telling us that the decommissioning of the plant in Seabrook that there's no point in doing this now, we're not going to save any money. This is the way Randy put it up to us today.

Mayor Guinta stated I do think though that the road you're driving down makes some sense in terms of how and from who we purchase our energy in the future. There's some real benefit, I think, to looking at purchasing energy outside the current scope and there's probably some discussion that does need to happen there because if you're looking at

anything beyond a center to per kilowatt hour we can save some significant money and it's time that we do that. We don't need the aggregation fund or department in order for the City to be able to enter into those kinds of agreements.

Alderman Gatsas asked is there a reason why we wouldn't look at aggregation as an opportunity for the City to reduce costs?

Mayor Guinta replied we can certainly look at it...it's being referred back to Committee.

Alderman Gatsas asked isn't 85% of this program already put into effect with legalize and everything else...legal documents...we're already in standing with the state and everything else. Why wouldn't we look at whether now with the cost of energy whether an aggregation opportunity is not available. Maybe four years ago it wasn't worth it because rates were down.

Mayor Guinta stated I know the 15% rate reduction at PSNH just occurred I think because...

Alderman Gatsas interjected...because...you don't want to go there do you...because...go ahead.

Alderman Thibault stated because they can no longer charge for the Seabrook plant...this is where the 15% savings came from...it came out of Public Service and this is why Randy is telling us...

Alderman Gatsas asked explain that to me again.

Alderman Thibault stated because of the plant being decommissioned Public Service Company has lowered their rate by 15% because they no longer have to pay for the Seabrook plan.

Alderman Gatsas stated so you mean the stranded costs are...so, if they go back in for a fuel adjustment charge those rates could go up again.

Mayor Guinta stated yes.

Alderman Thibault stated we're taking the recommendation of Randy Sherman.

Mayor Guinta stated I'll allow Alderman Long...we technically sort of took this vote.

Alderman Long stated the Committee recommended that the NEPO was another alternative so we are looking at other aggregates so it wasn't just thrown out. We're not even sure that

this is the avenue with which we're going to take. There's a couple of issues that are coming back to the Committee before we make that decision.

Alderman Lopez stated just one think I'd like to get for the Committee and I think you can assist in that is to find out item number 3 of the document..."the City will enter into negotiations with the School district to develop a plan to pay back its share of the Aggregation Program." It's share is \$350,000, so I'd like to try and get some answers from the School Department...are they going to pay that back in 2007 or are they going to budget it for 2008. This is a five-year program.

Mayor Guinta stated we had that discussion prior to Bill Sanders' leaving and there was an on-going discussion about having it paid over time which would alleviate some of the accounting issues that we've had but we have to reenter that conversation with the School District again.

Alderman Lopez stated I would really appreciate that if we have that information.

Alderman Forest stated we still have to take a vote on the motion.

Mayor Guinta stated I took it.

Alderman Forest stated then I'm opposed to it going to Committee. I just asked for a discussion...there was not a vote taken at the time.

Mayor Guinta stated I did actually take the vote and then I went to you afterwards for your comments.

Alderman Forest reiterated I'm opposed to it going to Committee.

Alderman Gatsas asked I'm just wondering if the Assessor's have completed their calculations for the disabled...a question that was asked a few months ago...that's completed...can we.

Mr. David Cornell, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, stated yes we have completed those calculations approximately a week-and-a-half ago we sent a memo to the Committee on

Alderman Gatsas asked have you sent it to all the Aldermen or just to the Committee?

Mr. Cornell replied it was our understanding that it was sent to the Committee itself, to all the Aldermen.

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Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated it would be given to all members of the Board when it

comes out as part of the agenda if you submitted it to the Committee only...that's where it's

staying probably is in the pending file. We can get together and get copies out to the

Aldermen tomorrow...we'll do that for you.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Alderman Smith,

duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk